



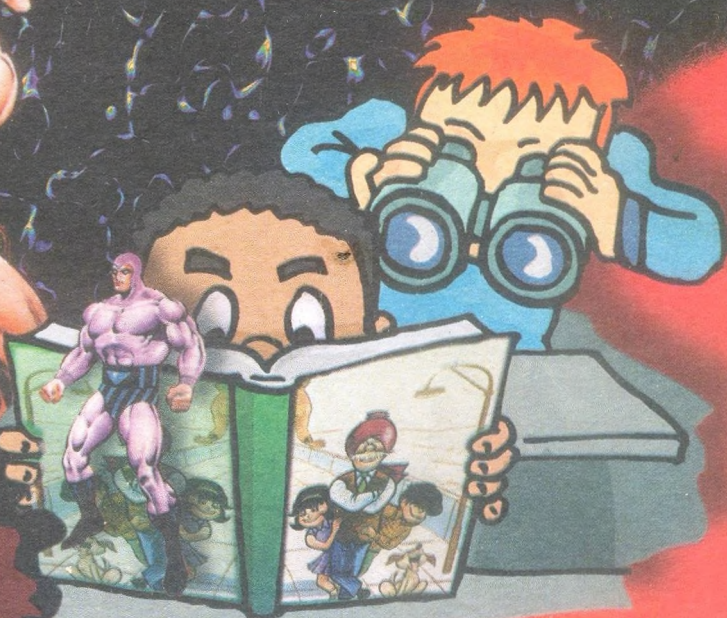
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DEAR FRIENDS

OSHO ONCE SAID TO HIS FOLLOWERS, "LET ME SHOW YOU A MIRACLE. I'M HOLDING A BIG TREE IN MY HAND." THEN HE OPENED HIS FIST. A SMALL SEED WAS LYING ON HIS PALM. "BUT IT'S ONLY A SMALL SEED," SAID ONE FOLLOWER. "OH, YES!" REPLIED OSHO. "BUT IT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BECOME A HUGE TREE.

FRIENDS, THE SAME IS THE CASE WITH COMIC WORLD. WITHIN A YEAR OF ITS LAUNCH, IT HAS CAUGHT THE FANCY OF MILLIONS OF YOUNGSTERS. GAUGING BY THE NUMBER OF LETTERS OF APPRECIATION WE RECEIVE EVERYDAY, WE CAN PROUDLY SAY THAT TODAY IT IS THE FIRST CHOICE OF THE TEENAGERS. THE SMALL SEED HAS BECOME A GIGANTIC TREE. CELEBRATING THE FIRST BIRTHDAY OF COMIC WORLD, WE'RE PRESENTING THIS 12TH ISSUE IN AN ENTIRELY NEW FORM AND STYLE WITH A LOT OF SPICE ADDED TO IT. WE HAVE ALSO ADDED ANOTHER LANGUAGE, MARATHI, TO THE EXISTING FIVE LANGUAGE EDITIONS. WAITING FOR YOUR RESPONSE, AS ALWAYS!

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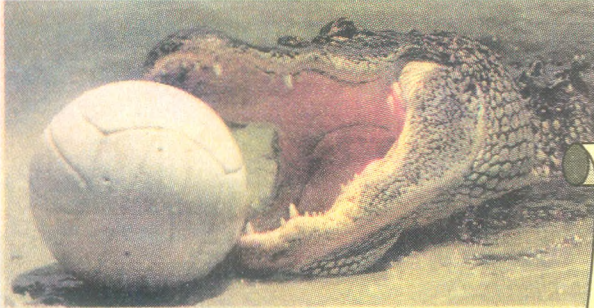


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IN THE NEWS



OK, YOU KEEP IT

Alligators are on the prowl in Florida this spring. A record heat wave has brought the groggy gargantuans out of their winter doldrums to search for mates. But one group of revelers at a mobile home in this gulf of Mexico coastal town looked on in disbelief as this impressive 10 foot specimen snagged their runaway volleyball



IF YOU CAN'T FIGHT THEM, EAT THEM.

To protect their harvest from rats, farmers all over the world use many methods, including the use of poison. But the most effective way to curb the ever increasing population of rodents is being used for centuries in Vietnam. Rats are a delicacy there. In the market of Hanoi, one kg. rats are priced at one dollar.



THE RESORT PAR EXCELLENCE

Las Vegas is perhaps the most happening place of the USA. It is famous for its night-

clubs, casinos, and belly-dancers. One more feather in the cap of Las Vegas is Bellagio Resort. More than 1.5 billion dollars went into the making of this breathtaking resort. Apart from Casinos, bars, shopping arcades etc., it also features a big lake where the music-fountains lure visitors from all over the world.

CLIMBER OF THE SKY-SCRAPERS

Climbing to new heights in his/her life is everybody's dream. But Allan Robert of France took it too literally. He has scaled more than 30 sky-scrappers so far. This time he choose to scale one of the highest buildings of France, the La Defence building. This modern spiderman is set to break all the previous records in this kind of climbing.



FISHY SOLUTION

Beautiful fishes swimming gracefully in clear transparent water is indeed a very enchanting



sight. But to maintain a home-aquarium is not everybody's cake. What to do then? A Taiwan-based company has come up with a (fishy) solution. It has created natural-looking battery operated fishes. They don't need feeding but only 'charging'.



Miss Jumbo Queen

BANGKOK, Thailand: Fat is where it's at, as 24 large lovelies vie in the 3rd annual Jumbo Queen contest to see which of them "best displays the grace, elegance and enormity of the elephant." Don't laugh. Comparing women to elephants is no insult in Thailand, where the animals are prized. Pageant organisers say pachyderms are not overweight, just big. So are the contestants. A special stage was built at Samphran Elephant Ground and Zoo to hold their combined weight of 2.5 tons. And the winner is ...

22-year old pharmacy student Intraporn Improm, who stands 5-foot-4 inches and tips the scales at 198 pounds. The purse is \$688 and, for one year, the Jumbo Queen acts as an ambassador for elephant conservation.



IN THE NEWS

Aerial Acrobatics

Aerial-shows are very popular in the world. These shows are the ultimate test of a pilot's skills and dexterity in controlling the flying machine. A similar show was organised recently in Switzerland, in which more than two dozen planes took part.



HEY, BARTENDER

TWO YORKIES -STRAIGHT UP

BANGKOK, Thailand- Could these two cups of cute stuff be the smallest dog in the world? The 1 year old Yorkshire terriers' proud owner Dr. Chai Kanjanakom, thinks so. Buddy weighs 1 pound and stands 4 inches tall and Darika is nearly 17 ounces and 4 inches tall. Each is tiny enough to fit in a drinking glass. Kanjanakom is registering the puny pair with the Guinness Book Of Records.



It's the world's biggest weather barometer

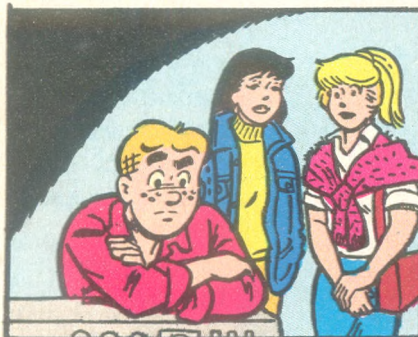
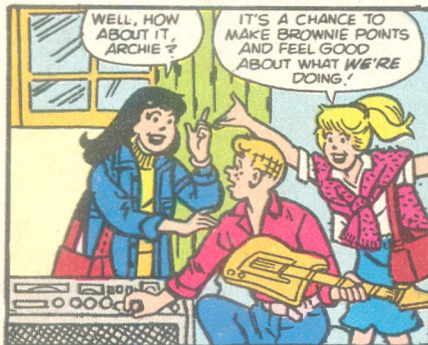
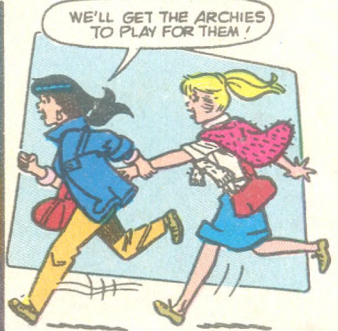
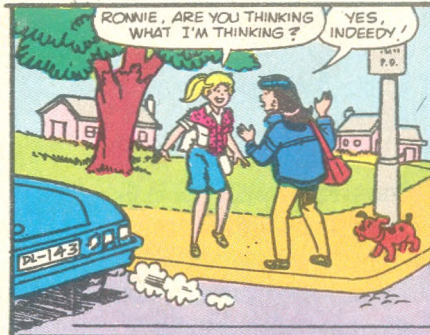
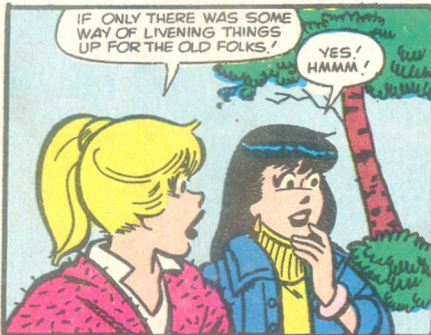
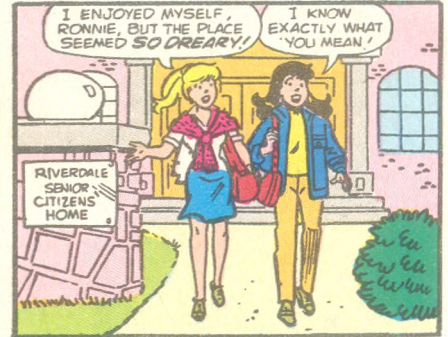
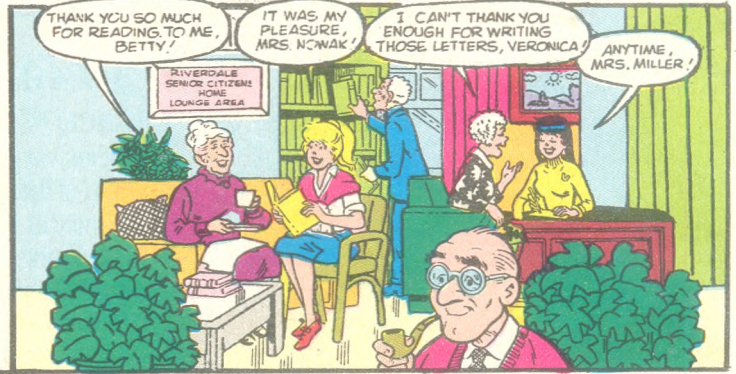


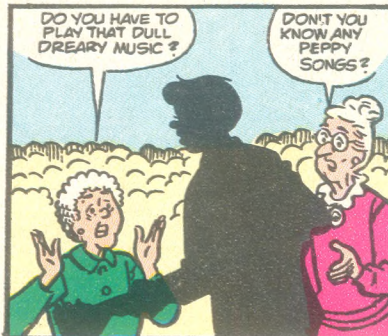
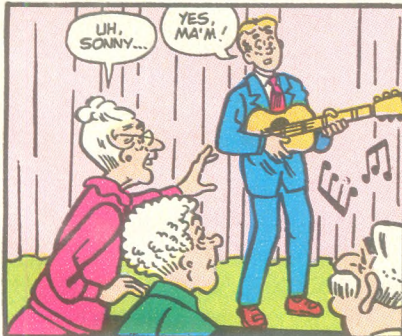
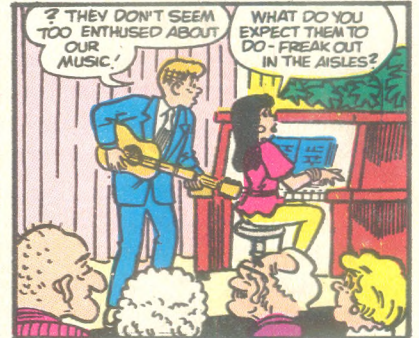
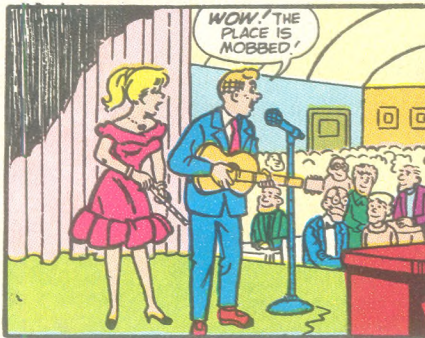
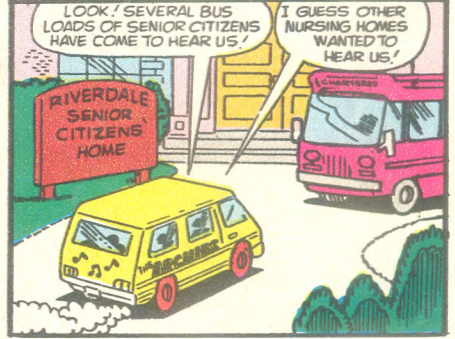
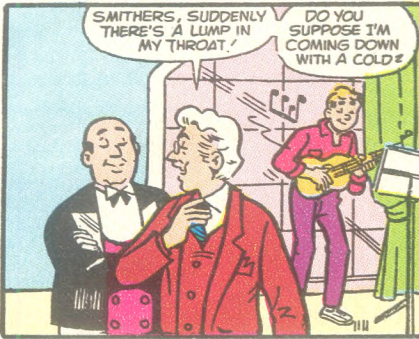
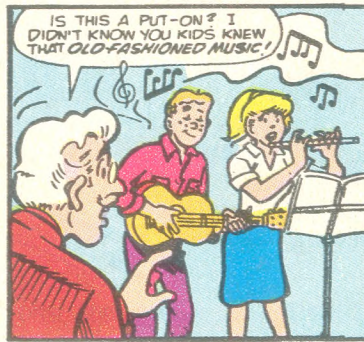
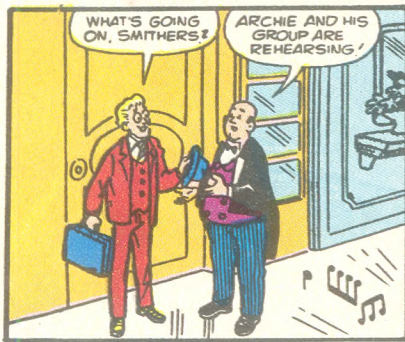
LONDON, England- Temperatures were rising for these three workers when they climbed inside the world's largest barometer to give it a spring cleaning. The 70- foot - tall structure predicts a change in conditions when its blue liquid falls.



Archie

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Ludwig von Beethoven

whose whole being breathed beauty in sound and whose innermost thoughts created sublime harmony, had become stone deaf before he reached thirty. He moved in a soundless world. Yet Beethoven produced some of his mightiest works and "heard" them only as they ran through his brain.



Uncle Pai's way to Success



Anant Pai

Ms. Sudha Chandran



lost her leg in an accident. That did not prevent her from becoming a good dancer and even acting in a film.



Can Physical handicaps come in the way of your achievements?

Helen Keller

was stricken with an illness at the age of 19 months which left her blind and deaf. She became mute soon after. Yet she became one of the best known educators and authors of America. She devoted her life to help the deaf and the blind.



Franklin D. Roosevelt

was stricken with polio in 1921, when he was 39. Yet he remained active in politics and was elected thrice as the President of the United States of America, the only President to be elected three times.



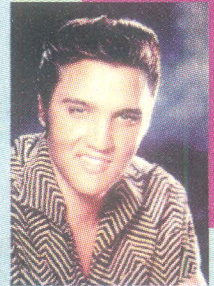
Louis Braille

lost his eyesight at the age of three due to an accident. At the age of ten, he was sent to a school for the blind where he learnt to read books, in which the letters were raised. But such books were expensive and therefore very few

were available. When Braille heard of the Morse code, through which telegraphic messages are sent, he decided that he would invent a system which could help the blind to read. One day a system of writing, using dots embossed on cardboard, was exhibited at his school. Braille used this as a basis and worked patiently, month after month, till he perfected what is now referred to as the Braille system of writing and printing letters with the help of six dots, using a simple instrument.

"The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want and if they don't find them, make them," said *George Bernard Shaw*. In case you do not receive any encouragement from those around you, do not lose heart. Also, do not permit the negative opinions of others to affect your self-image.

When *Elvis Presley* was in the eighth class, his teacher wrote in his report that Elvis had little promise as a singer. But Elvis did not lose heart. He was deeply interested in music, particularly country music. He was fascinated by the rhythm in the music of black performers. He earned his living working as a truck driver and while doing this, he did not lose sight of his purpose. He made some records at a local studio in Memphis, Tennessee, U.S.A. and they instantly became popular. Many of his songs sold millions of copies.



Mao Tse-tung

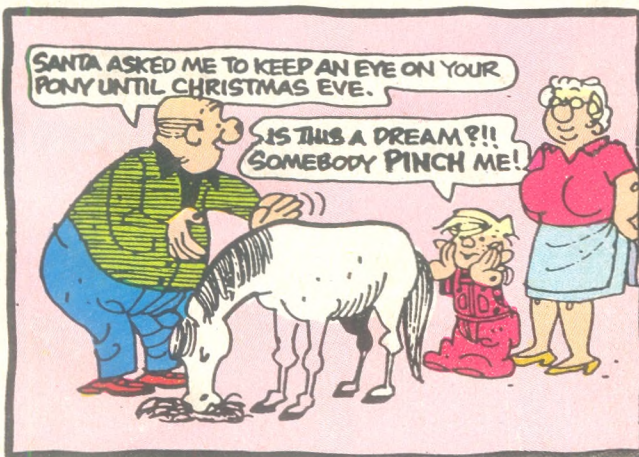
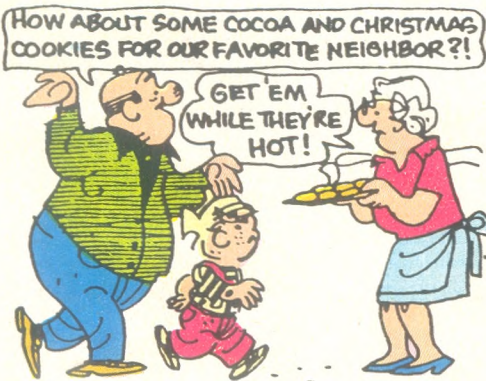
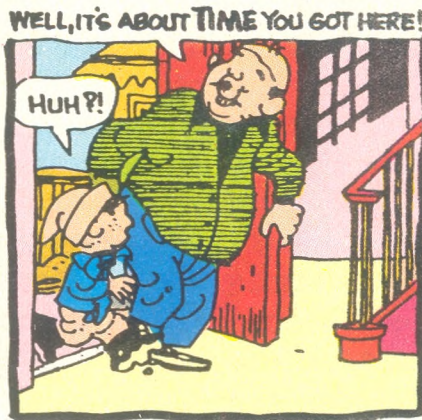
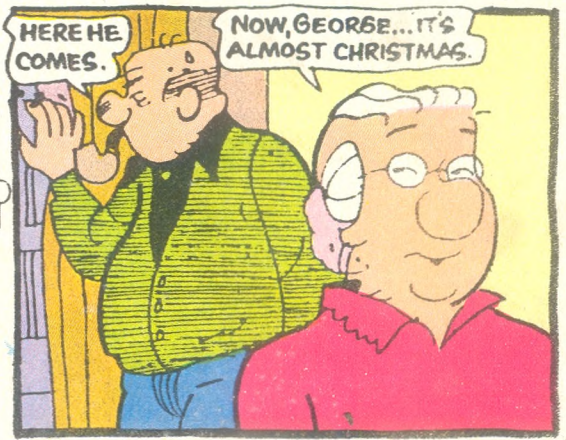
After graduating from the First Provincial Normal School in Ch'ang-sha in 1918, when Mao Tse-tung went to Peking University and worked for about six months as a librarian's assistant, he was considered unfit for promotion in that petty post. As you know, he later rose very high and left a permanent imprint on the history of China.



Many a time, criticism could be constructive. Therefore, when someone criticises you or your action, do give that criticism some consideration. But if you are convinced you are on the right course, let that criticism not deflect you from your chosen path.

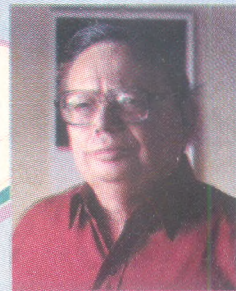
Dennis the Menace

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Mountain in my Blood

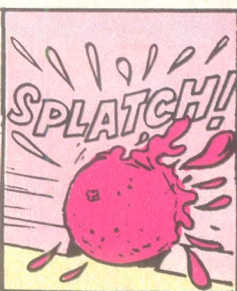
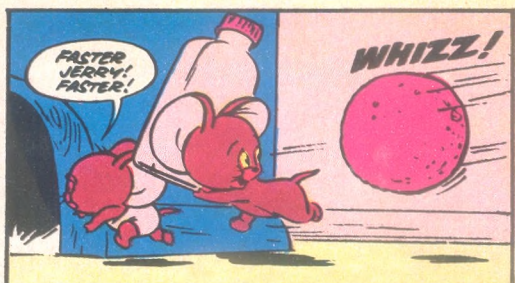
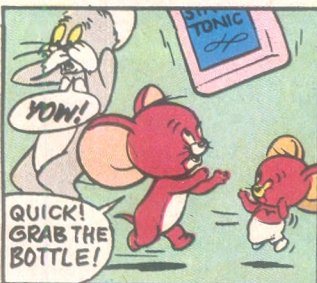
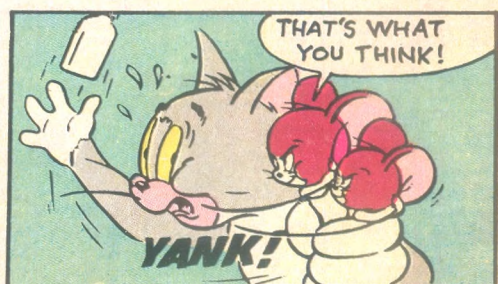
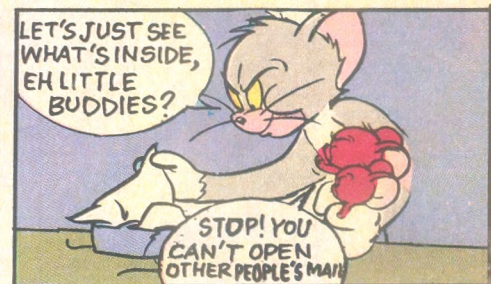
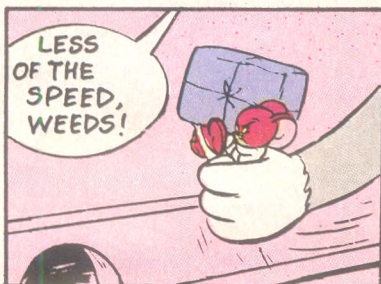
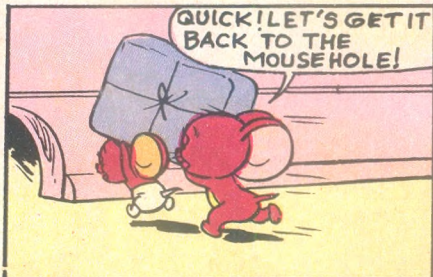
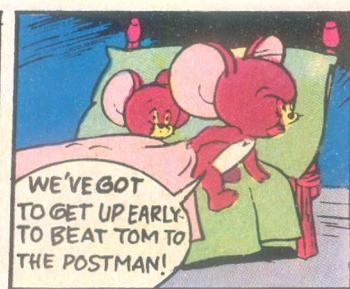
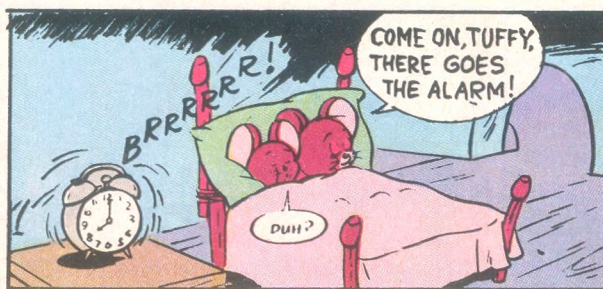
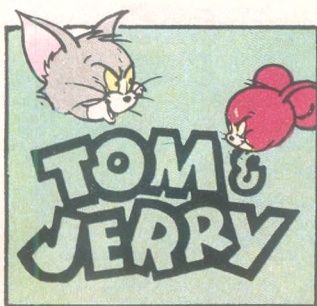
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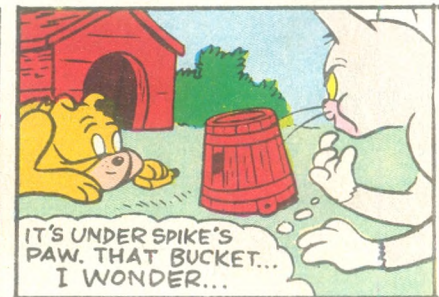
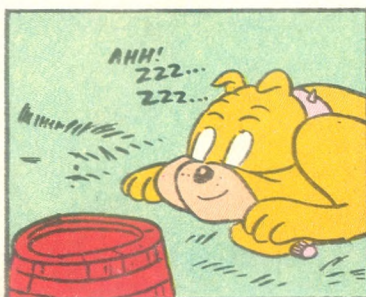
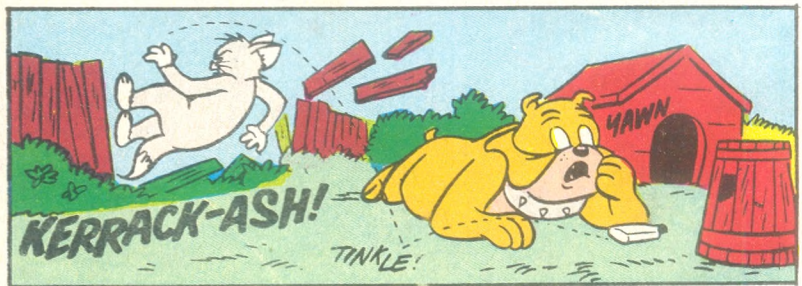
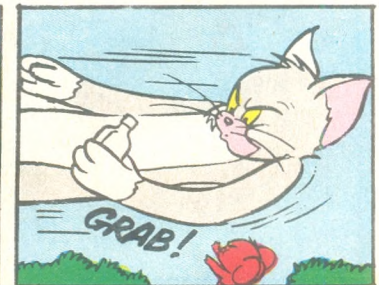
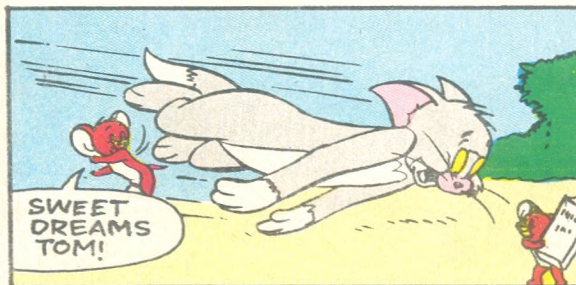
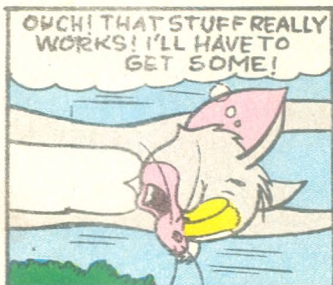
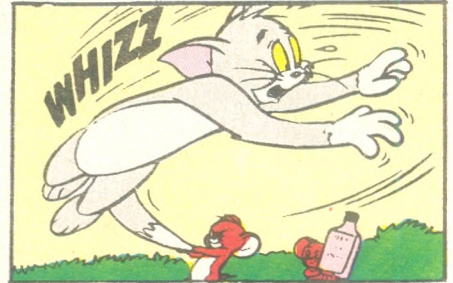
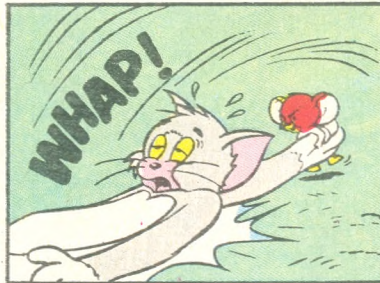
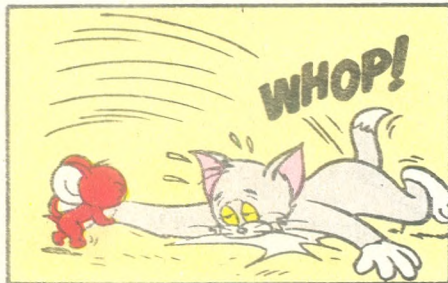
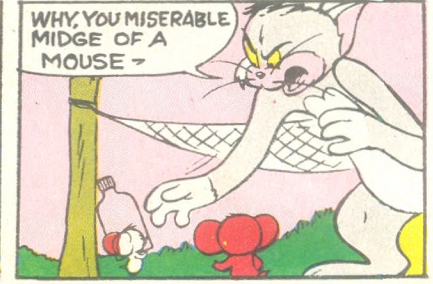
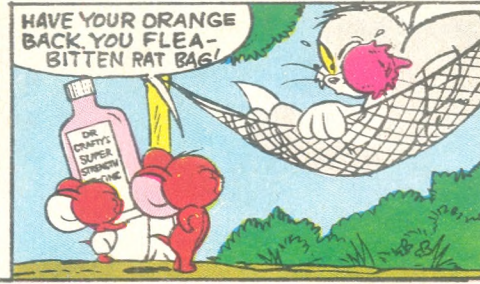
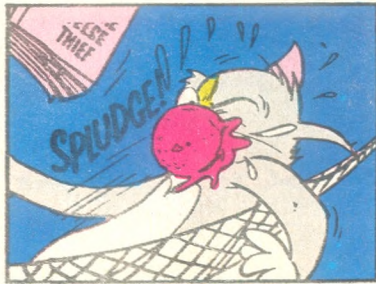
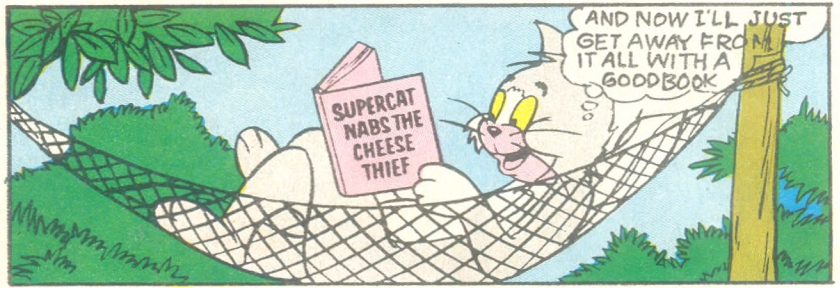


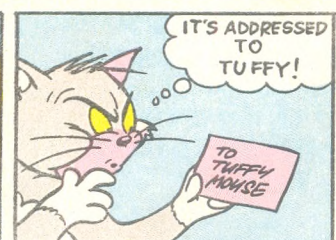
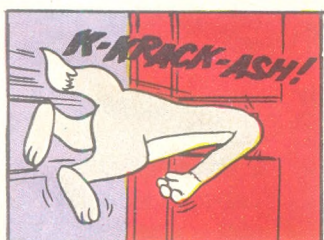
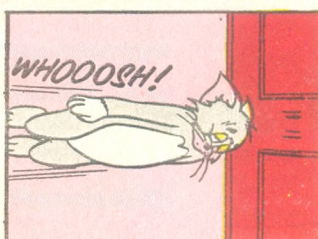
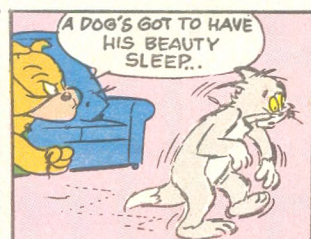
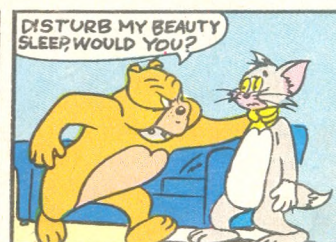
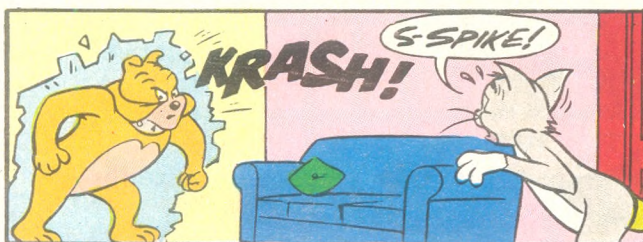
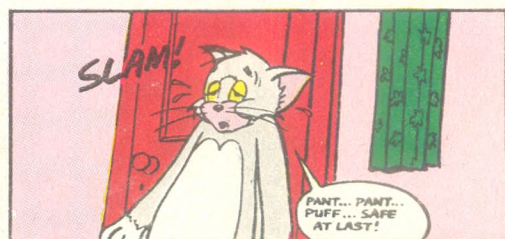
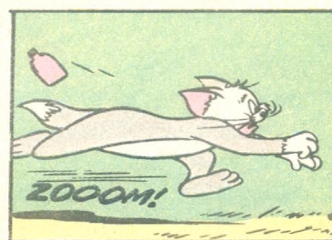
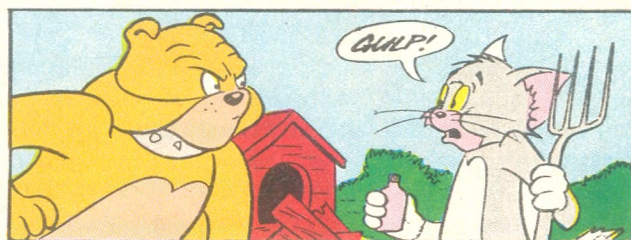
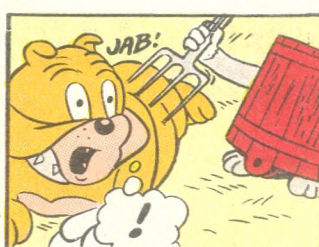
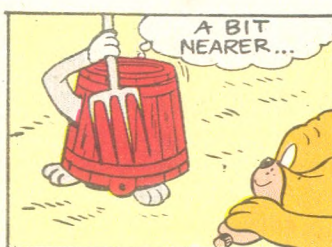
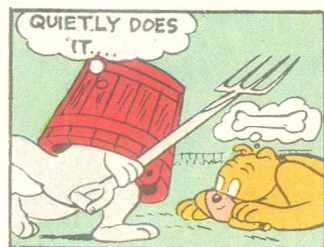
Bijju is back from school and is taking his parents' cattle out to graze. He sees me at the window and waves, then grabs his favourite cow Neelu by the tail and tells her to hurry up. Bijju is twelve, a fair, good-looking Garhwali boy. His younger sister and brother are very pretty children. The father, an electrician, is a rather self-effacing man. The mother is a strong, hard woman. They live in a rented outhouse further up the hill. Bijju doesn't visit me very often. He is rather shy. But one day I looked out of the window and there he was in the branches of the oak tree, smiling at me rather hesitantly. We spoke to each other across the three or four yards that separate the house from the oak tree. 'If I jump, I can land in your tree,' I said. 'And if I jump I will be in your house,' said Bijju. 'Come on, jump!' 'You jump,' he said. In the evening his sister brings the cows home. She too has the same timid smile. But if these children are timid of humans, they are not afraid in the forest, and often wander far afield with Neelu the blue cow and others. The whistling-thrush is here, bathing in the rain-water puddle beneath the window. He loves this spot. So now, when there is no rain, I fill the puddle with water, just so that my favourite bird keeps coming. His bath finished, he perches on a branch of the walnut tree. His glossy blue-black wings glitter in the sunshine. At any moment he will start singing. Vinod, the ne'er-do-well, turns up with a friend, asking me to give them some work. They want to go to the pictures but have no money. 'You can dig

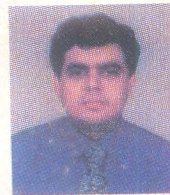
up this slope below the house,' I tell them. The soil is good for growing vegetables.' This sounds too much like hard work for Vinod, who says, 'We'll come and do it tomorrow.' 'No, we'll do it now,' says his more enterprising friend, and to my surprise they set to work. Now and then I look out of the window. They are digging away with fair enthusiasm. After about half an hour, Vinod keeps sitting down for short rests, to the increasing irritation of his partner. They are soon snapping at each other. Vinod looks very funny when he sulks, because he has a snub nose, and somehow a snub nose and a ferocious expression only reminds me of Richmal Grompton's William. But the work gets done by evening and they are quite pleased with their earnings. Bijju is right at the top of a big oak. The branches sway to his movements. He grins down at me and waves. The higher he is in the tree the more confident he becomes. It is only when he is down on the ground that he becomes shy and speechless. He has allowed the cows to wander, and presently his mother's deep voice can be heard calling, 'Neelu, Neelu!' (The other cows don't have names) And then: 'where is that wretched boy?'











Barry O'Brien

THE GREAT OUT DOORS



We have all enjoyed camping in our homes, in the garden and wherever we have been able to get any open space. This is an activity which has become very popular with adults, as well as they enjoy getting away from cities to explore the countryside. Many people spend their holidays trekking, hiking or even mountain climbing. Whatever the type of holidays, it is important to take the appropriate clothing, food and equipment.

CAMPING

Camping offers you the freedom to stay at one campsite or to set up camp at a different site each night. The best campsite is one which is sheltered from the wind and is on high, leveled, dry ground on which the tent to be pitched. A stream or river nearby provides an important source of water for drinking and washing.

THINGS TO TAKE

You must take only items which are absolutely essential. These include tools needed to set up a camp, the right clothes, tents, waterproof sheets and cooking and eating utensils. Food which will not perish as well as water purifiers must be taken along as well. Campers must try to maintain a balanced diet and eat energy-giving protein-rich food. It is necessary to be careful not to drink water from any available source. While it may not always be possible to get pure water, purifiers provide a good alternative. To cook food or to boil water, a fire must be lit. Campers must make certain that a fire will be safe and not harm their tents or surroundings. One must be particularly careful if a strong wind is flowing. Even more important is to ensure that a fire is properly put out as flying embers may very easily kindle another fire.

HIKING

Walking through the countryside for a few hours or for many days, is a form of exercise enjoyed by people of all ages. Hikers walk in groups, so that if an accident occurs, at least two of them can go for help while the others stay back with the injured member of the party. They should be fully prepared.... for the sort of journey they are undertaking and should tell their friends and families where they are going and the route they will be taking.

MOUNTAIN WALKING OR CLIMBING

This is the most dangerous form of hiking. Mountain climbers enjoy testing their strength and skill on steep rock faces. They need to be very fit. They also require special climbing equipment.

TREKKING

This is an activity which requires a great deal of strength, stamina and endurance. A trek is like a hike, but over rough and difficult terrain. Trekking is a pastime which many people indulge in as it is strenuous and the successful completion of a trek gives one a tremendous sense of fulfilment and achievement.



QUESTION OF THE MONTH

This food is enjoyed by children and adults alike and is also an essential part of the food supplies taken by campers, hikers and mountaineers. It provides essential fats that give energy. Name it.

Answer to last month's (Vol-II) question:
Lal Bahadur Shastri

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1. Which fish can generate up to 550 volts of electricity?
2. Which natural structure in Australia can be seen by satellite travelers?
3. Which is the most dangerous of all sharks?
4. What role did Om Puri play in the film "City of Joy"?
5. In Oscar Wilde's story, whose companion was the swallow?
6. What is Dendrology?
7. Which is the first place that Black Beauty (the horse) remembers?
8. What is Pharmacology the study of?
9. Name Christopher Columbus' ships that sank in a hurricane in 1495.
10. What is the name given to a cyclone in the Pacific Ocean?

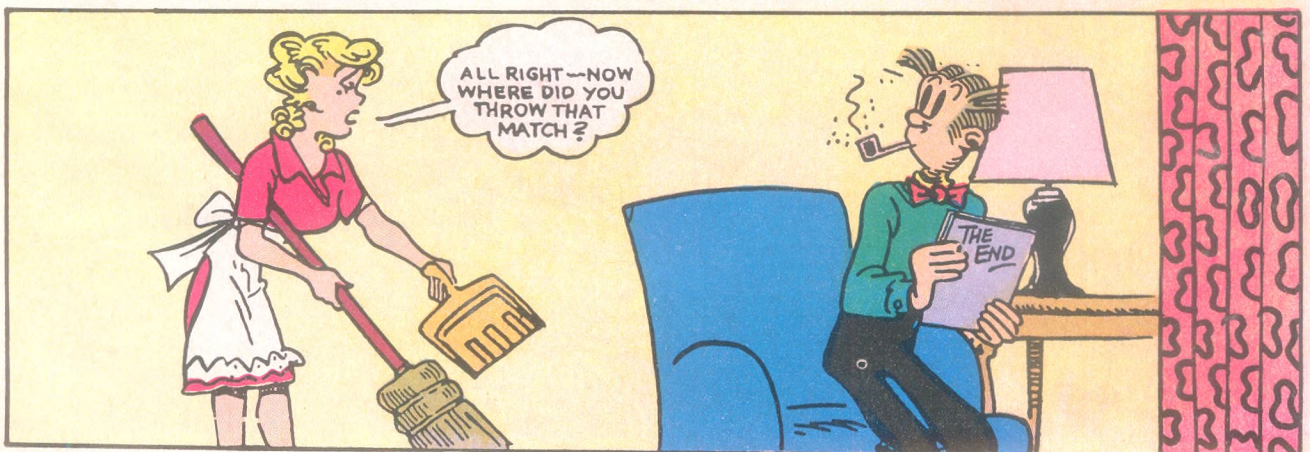
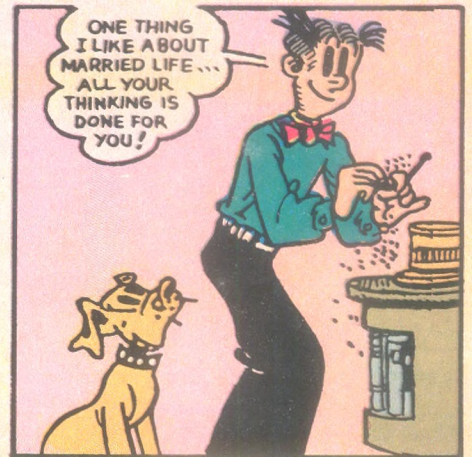
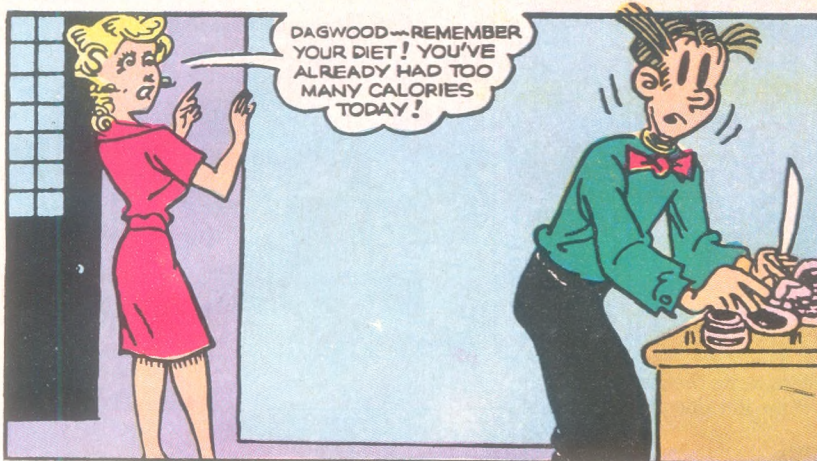
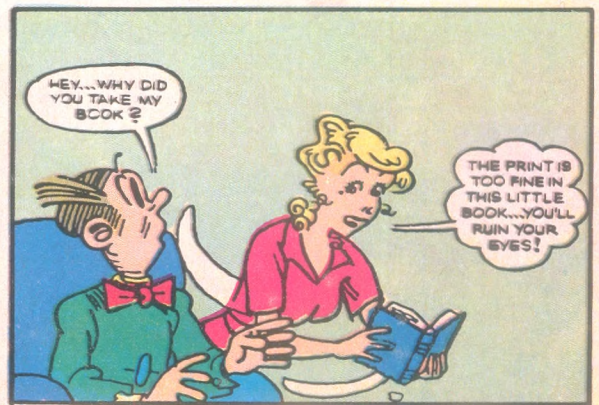
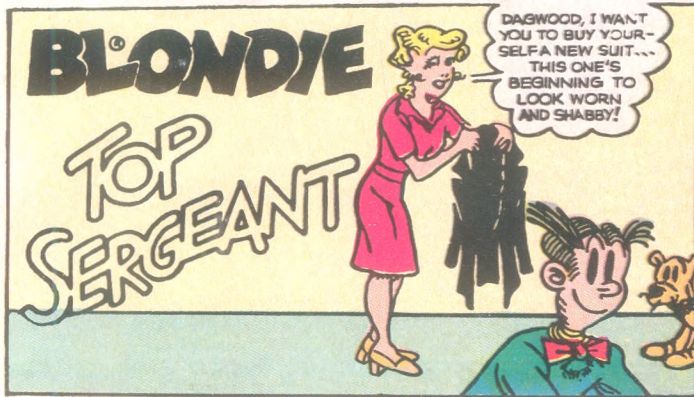
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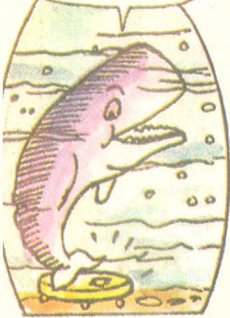


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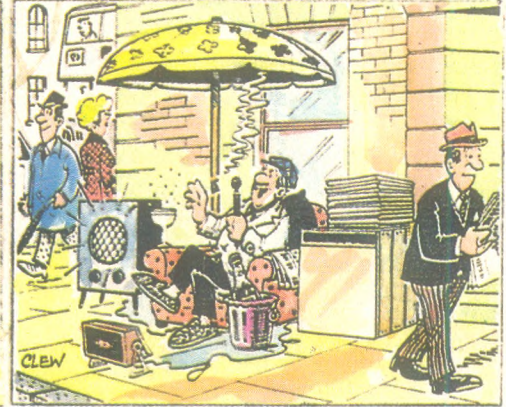
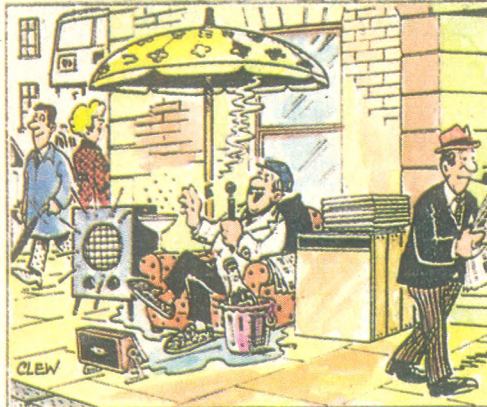
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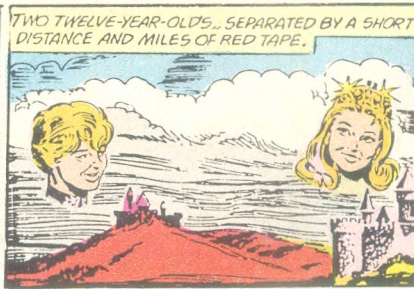
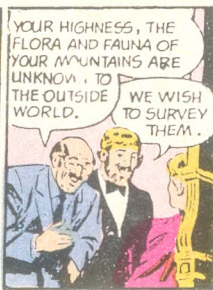
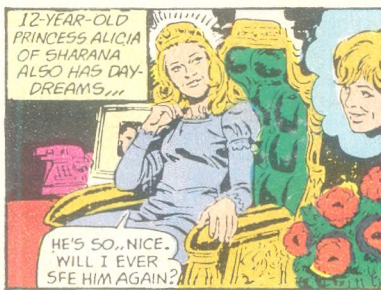
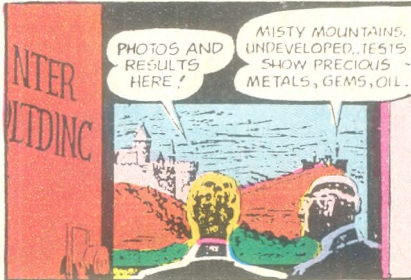
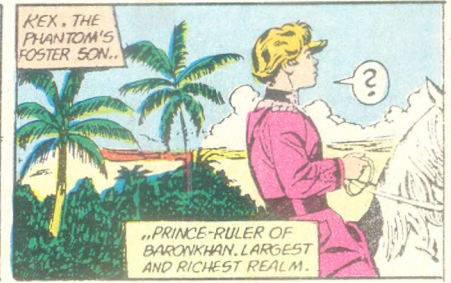
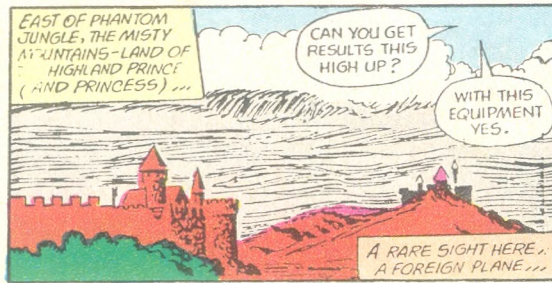
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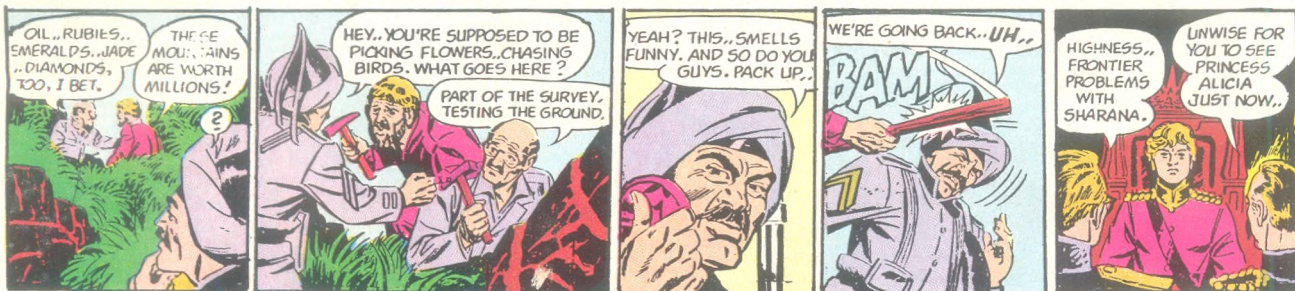
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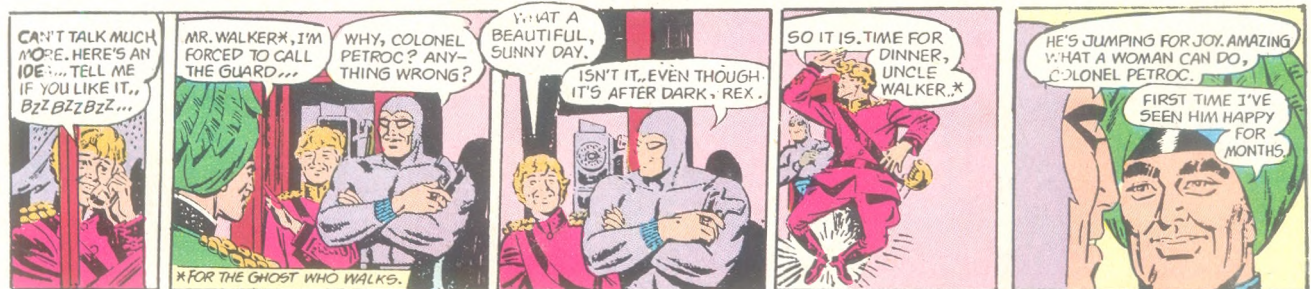
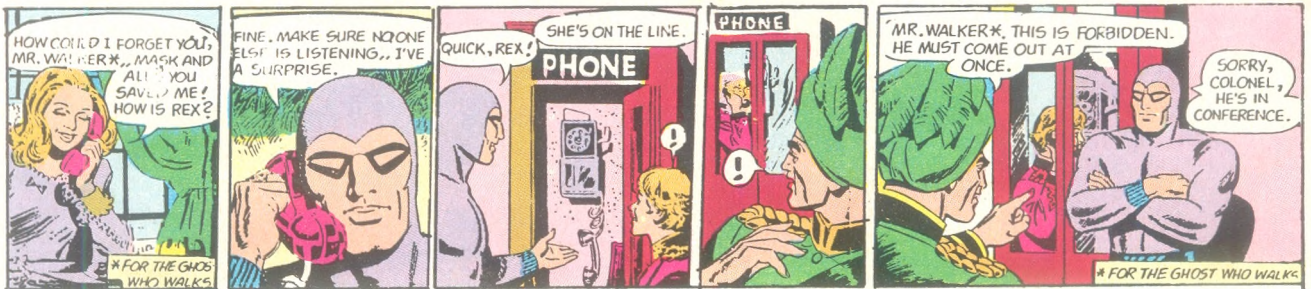
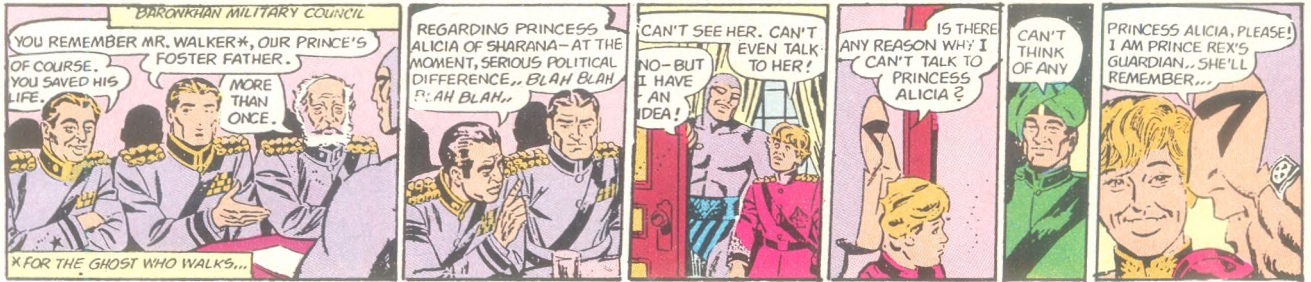
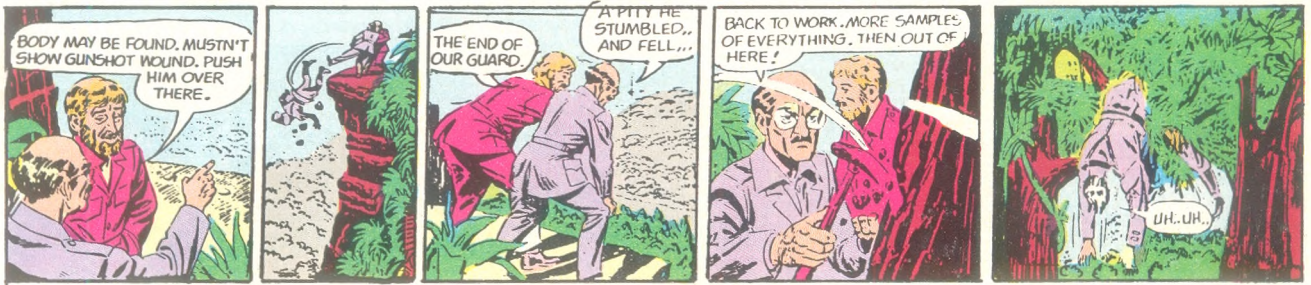
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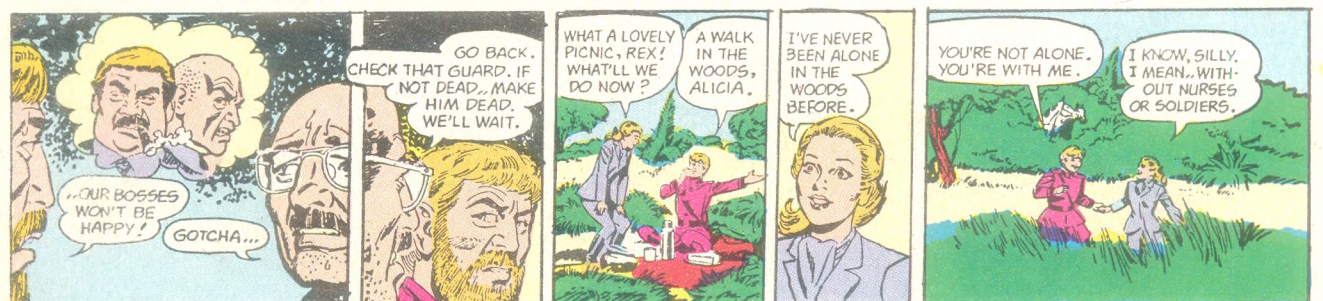
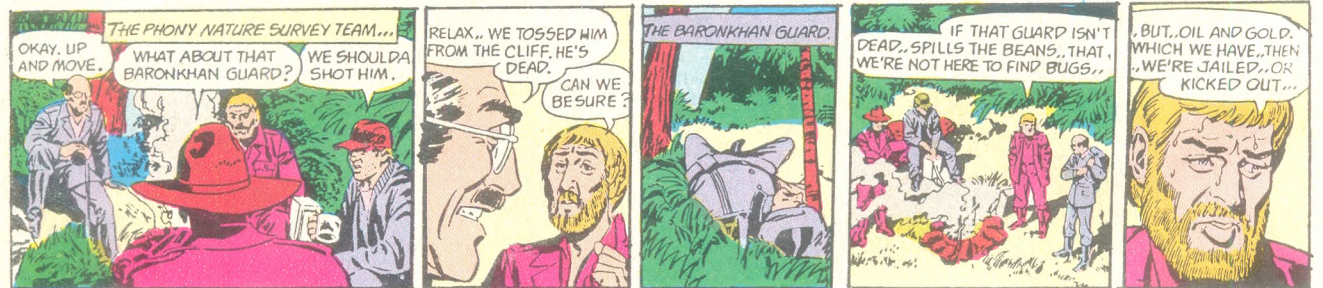
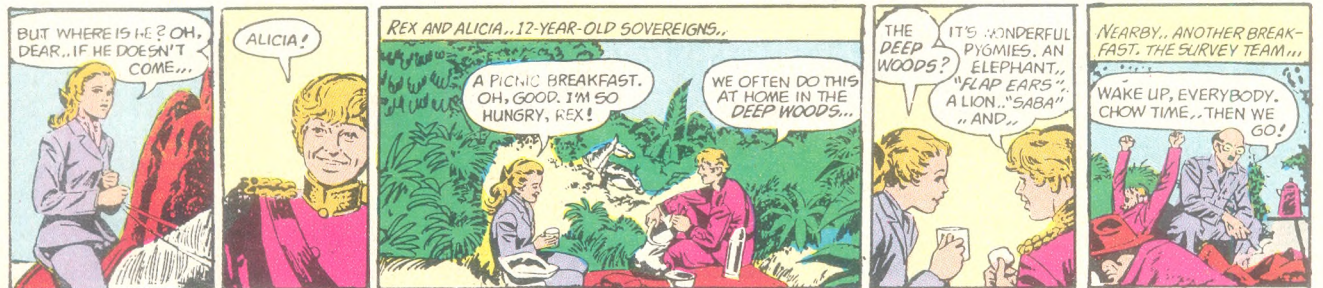
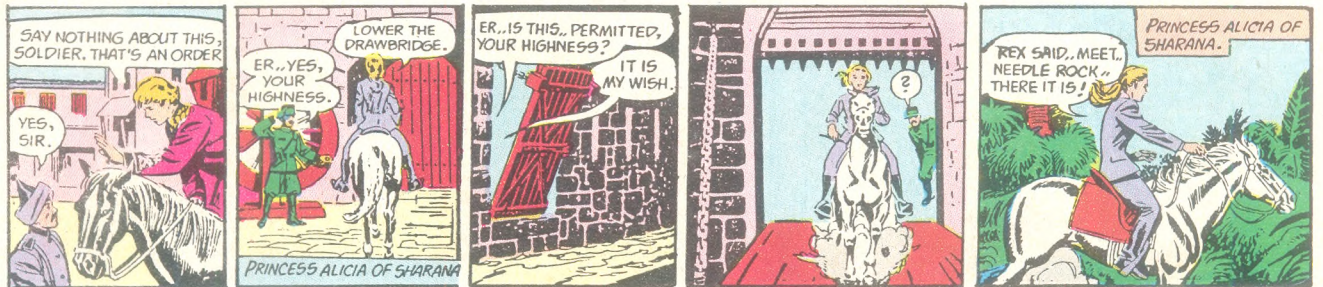
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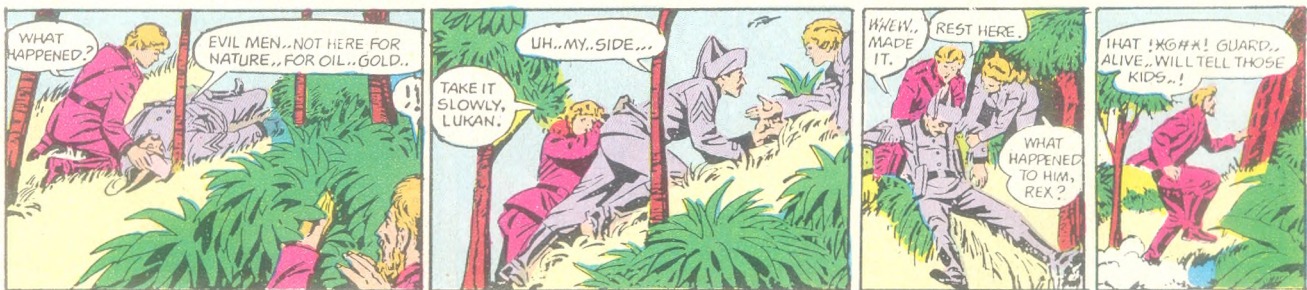
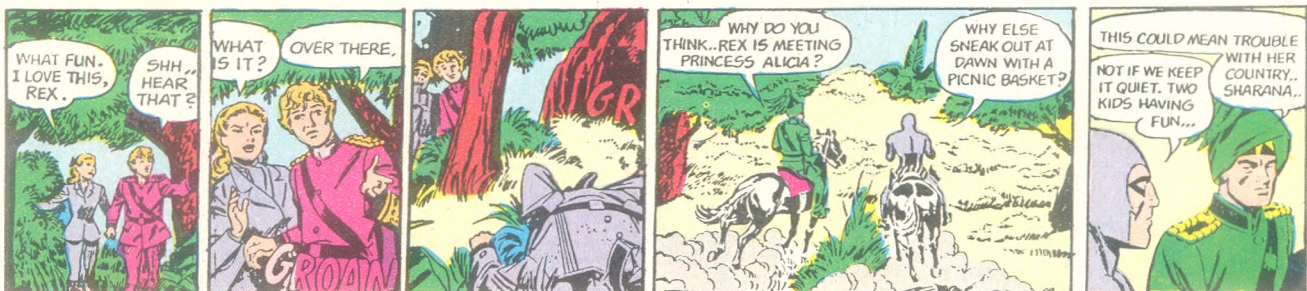
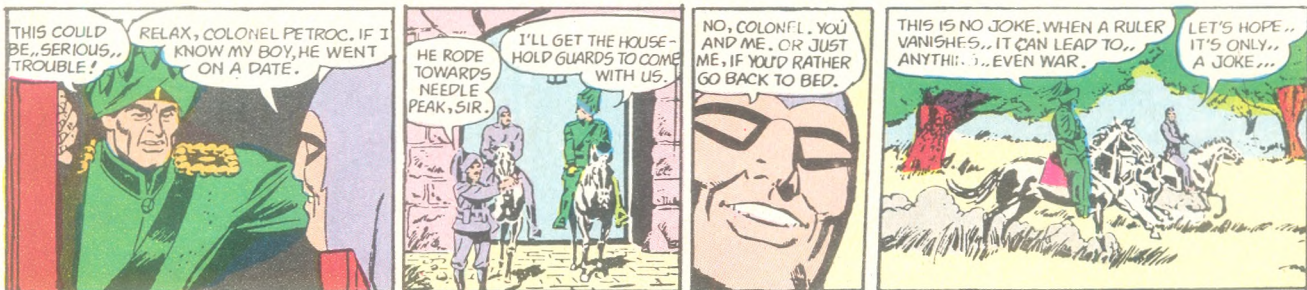


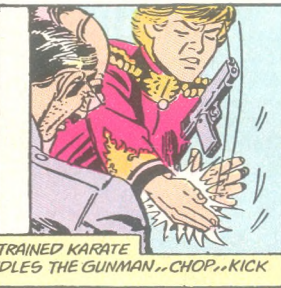
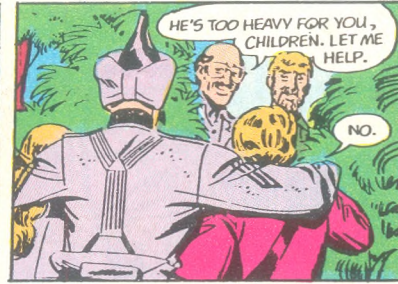
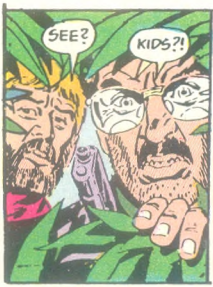


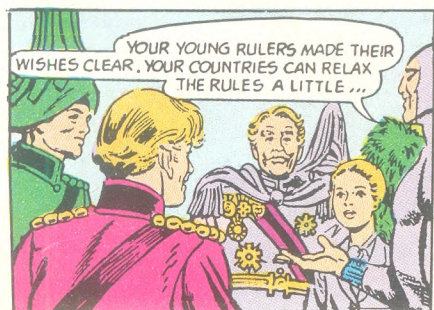
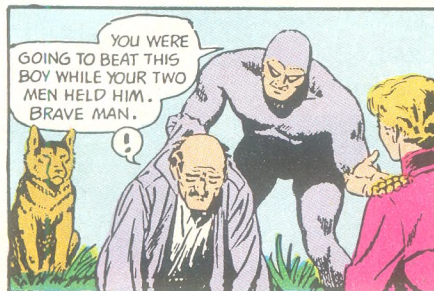
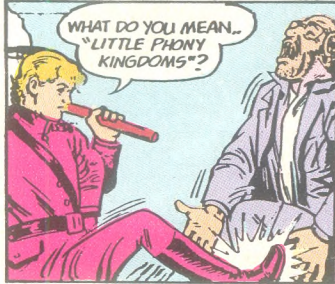






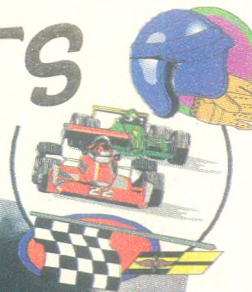






FASTEST INDIAN IN THE WORLD

SPORTS



Indians do not have too many heroes around. The only sports persons we can look up to are Sachin Tendulkar and Vishwanathan Anand. Though there has been no dearth of world class talent, it has been snuffed out by a combination of official apathy, and probably due to the lack of a most essential attribute, killer instinct. So when 23-year old Kumar Ram Narain Karthikeyan registered a historic win in round 5 of the Autosport British Formula-3 championship at the Brands Hatch circuit recently, it took most by surprise.

And with Formula racing still to register a high in awareness levels, a large part of the populace were either unaware or disinterested. That, however, doesn't make Karthikeyan any less an achiever. On the contrary, his accomplishments inarguably the most demanding of all sports, elevate him onto a different plane altogether. The win, which made Narain the first-ever Indian to win a Formula-3 race, was also the culmination of an awesome weekend for the lad from

Coimbatore. Apart from taking pole positions for rounds 4 and 5, Narain ended second behind Brazilian Luciano Burti in the first race. He blitzed his way to a grand victory in the next race where he finished ahead by a mind-boggling 7.277 seconds ahead of second-placed Alexander Yoong of Malaysia.

Narain has that boy next door look, but knowledgeable persons close to the speedster say it is hard to miss that maniacal gleam in the youngster's eyes. Put him in his Dallara F399 Mugen-Honda and everything changes.

The current season started off with a fourth position before Brands Hatch happened. Narain, known for his brilliant wet driving skills, won at Brands Hatch in extremely dry conditions and the 7.2 seconds victory margin made it the biggest ever in the history of F-3 racing at the venue.

Narain differs vastly from preceding Indians, only two at that, who have raced abroad in a championship series-



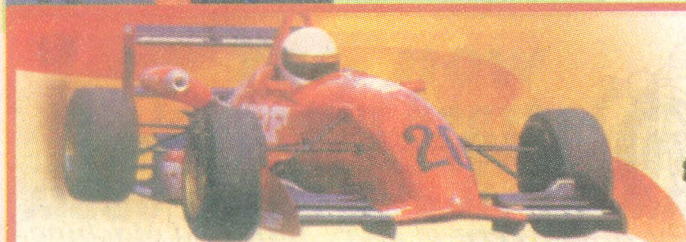
Kinny Lal, who piloted a Rothmans 2 litre Sports 2000 in England, and Akbar Ebrahim of Chennai in the early 90's. Ebrahim sold his car to Narain in 1994.

Following this, Narain's second place finish at Shah Alam, Malaysia, heralded his arrival into Formula racing. The Formula Asia was his the following year as he blazed away to glory with seven wins, seven pole positions and seven lap records.

In 1998, he switched to Formula 3, first with Intersport and then Carlin Motor sport with whom he enjoyed considerable success marked by two podium finishes.



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CRICKETING FACTOIDS

Q: Which great batsman when given out lbw first ball, went up to the umpire and asked him to reverse the decision saying "These 20,000 people sitting in the stands have come to see my batting, not your umpiring."

A: Dr. W.G. Grace

Q: Which young tourist, once on a holiday in Simla, offered to bat for a side running short of players and got out first ball?

A: Donald Bradman

Q: Sobers' record of 36 runs in one over stood for a quarter century. Then a leg spin bowler equalled it. Who?

A: Ravi Shastri

Q: Only once in the history of cricket has a batsman been given not out when bowled middle stump on a legitimate delivery. What happened?

A: The bails did not get dislodged as they got stuck due to fresh varnish.

Q: At the time of releasing the ball, most bowlers have the foot opposite to their bowling arm stretched forward. Only one bowler in cricketing history, stretched the same foot forward as his bowling arm while releasing the ball. Who was it?

A: Lala Amarnath (try if you can do it).

Q: In the mid sixties, a sensational fast bowler had to give up his career on the verge of entering the English side due to a nasty back injury. 3 decades later he became the Prime Minister of England. Who?

A: John Major

OUR AIM IS TO DOMINATE THE DOUBLES CIRCUIT'

The Indian tennis pair of Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi created history when they won the French Open men's doubles tennis title in Paris. They defeated Goran Ivanisevic and Jeff Tarango 6-2, 7-5 in the final to win their maiden Grand Slam doubles title.

The following is the synopsis of their post-match interview posted on the official site: www.frenchopen.org.



This is your first Grand Slam win. Which match you would like to point out in the last three years in a Grand Slam match that you felt because of this, "We've got to win one Grand Slam very soon"?

Mahesh Bhupathi: I think it was this year in Australia. We made the final there. We lost to Patrick Rafter and Jonas Bjorkman I think 6-4 in the fifth. You know, we came so close, but we didn't get that title. I think I saw a picture of both of us in the paper the next day in India, and it was pretty depressing. Ever since that, I think we've worked a lot, We've been through a lot. You know, to finally come out with this title is very heartening for us.

How do you explain that neither of you seem to be able to win titles with other players, but together you seem to have some magic combination that has made you win this time?

LP: I haven't really played with another doubles partner for, what, four years, three years, three years now. Before that I used to have different partners. I think the main thing with our combination is that we work hard together. There's a special pride I take when I play with Mahesh. There's a special pride I'm sure he takes when he plays with me.

I think our camaraderie, our closeness, especially this last year which has been really tough, the belief we have in each other, the work ethic that we live by.

These are some things that make us the best doubles team in the world now.

Can you reflect on the fact about this being a historical moment for tennis in India? You're the first doubles team from India to win a Grand Slam doubles championship. Can you talk about that?

MB: I don't know what to say. I'm kind of still in shock. You know, I just spoke to my parents. They showed the match on Saturday, they showed the two games on Sunday. I am sure it is very big news in India.

LP: Well, the phone's not stopped ringing. The locker room phone, my mobile phone. It's just non-stop. I think it's fantastic. Tennis is the No. 2 sport after cricket in India.

It gives us great pride, you know, giving the rest of our country things to be happy about. Especially since it was shown live, a lot of my mates and family and friends back home were following it ball-by-ball.

Leander, you have an Olympic bronze medal, Mahesh, you won the mixed doubles a couple years ago. Where would you place this championship?

MB: Up there. I mean, we've done things individually, but I think in this we've put in a lot of hard work, put in a lot of time. It's just over. The one thing we wanted to get out of the way was this first Grand Slam title. Now I think we'll get greedy, we'll want a few more (laughter).



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* Where is Marble rocks situated?

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* What does 'Portrait' mean in computer terminology?

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* Name the two sisters, reunited after 45 years?*

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* Which famous Indian mathematician received a grant from Trinity College, Cambridge?*

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* Who was Ramesh?*

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* What is the full form of MERI?

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* Who was the first Deputy Prime Minister of India?

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* Who is Shilpa Dalmia's father?

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* What are the names of the two trophy thieves?

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* What present did Jerry give to Tom?

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* Who was 'LEE FALK'?

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* What did Pinki do with the stamps?

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* Which sport did Archie and Jughead play?

* Who is the most honoured entertainer in history?

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* What was the name of Dennis' dog?

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* Which tribe won the "Phantom trophy"?

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* What is Batman's car called?

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* What does 'Mynta' stand for?

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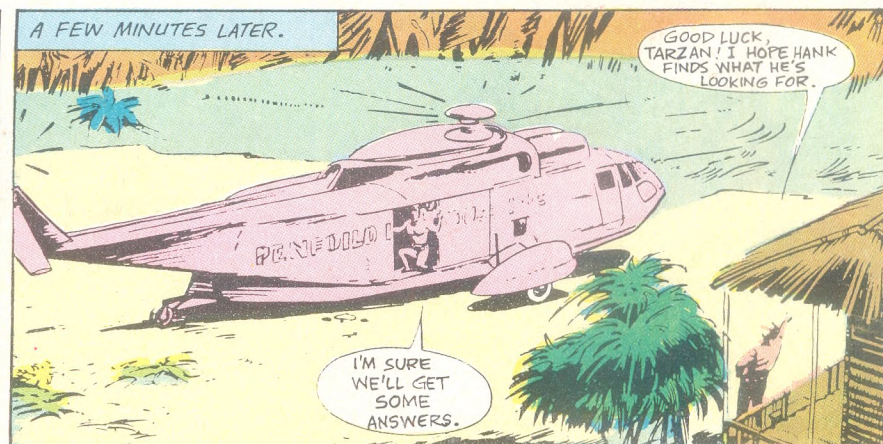
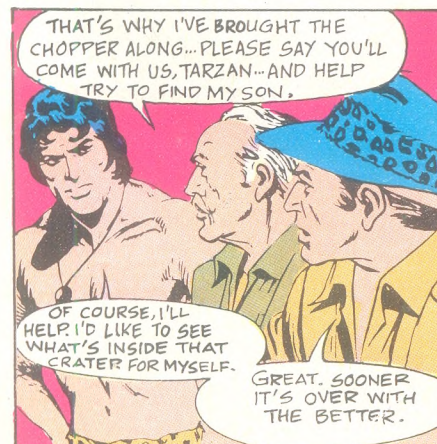
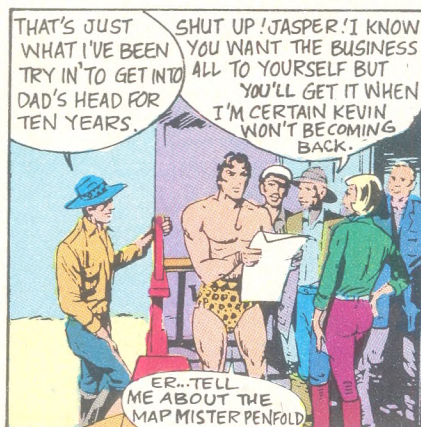
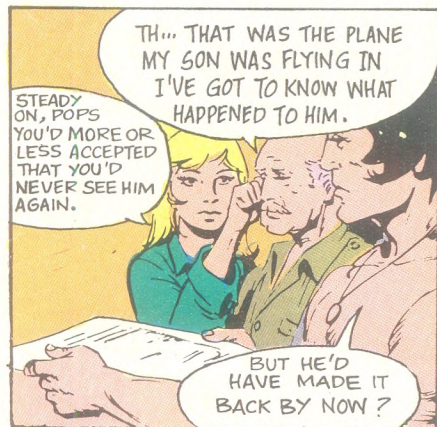
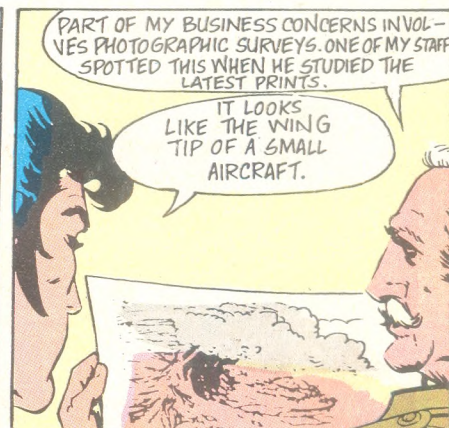
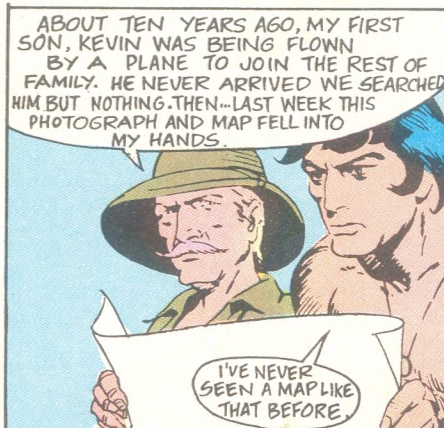
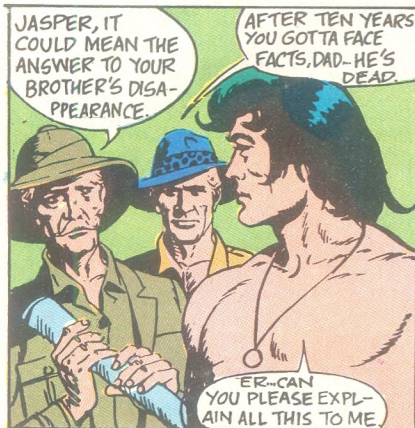
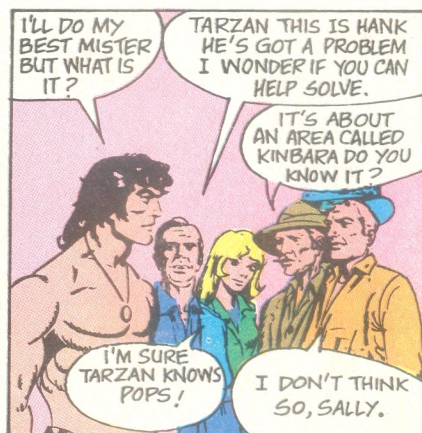


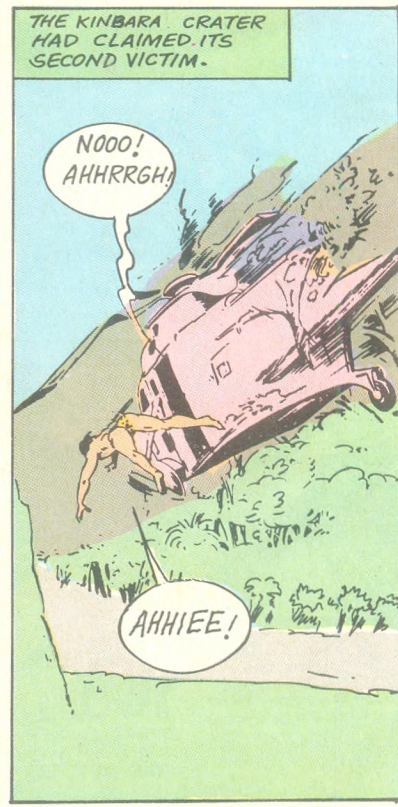
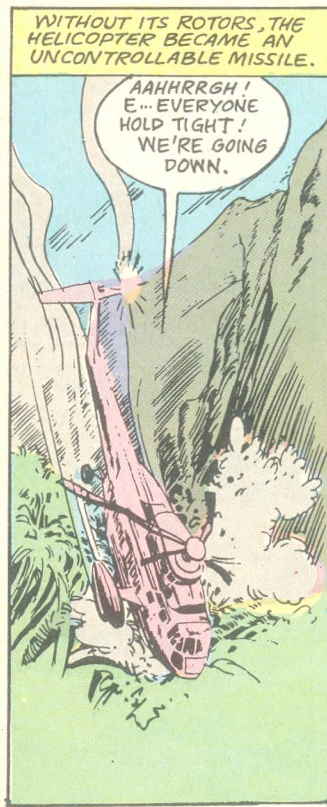
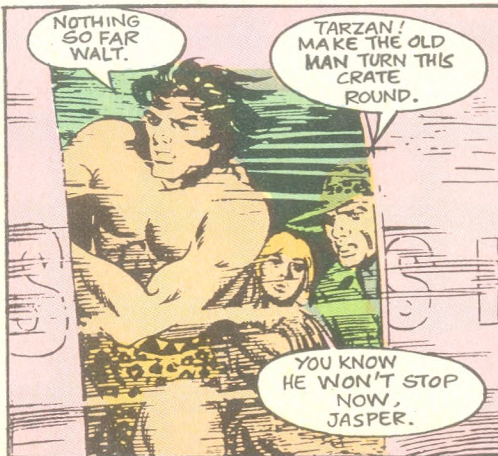
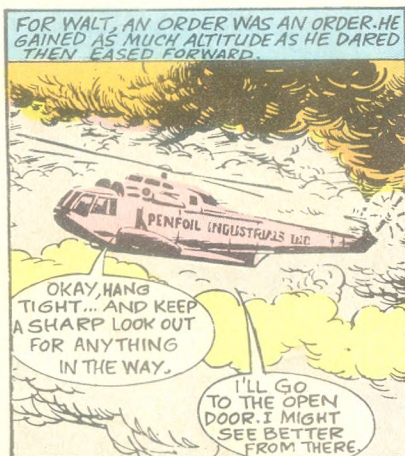
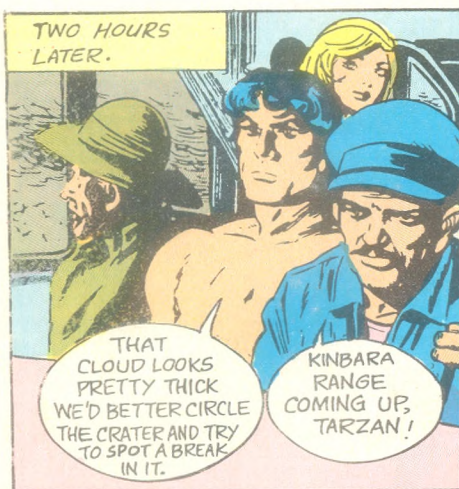
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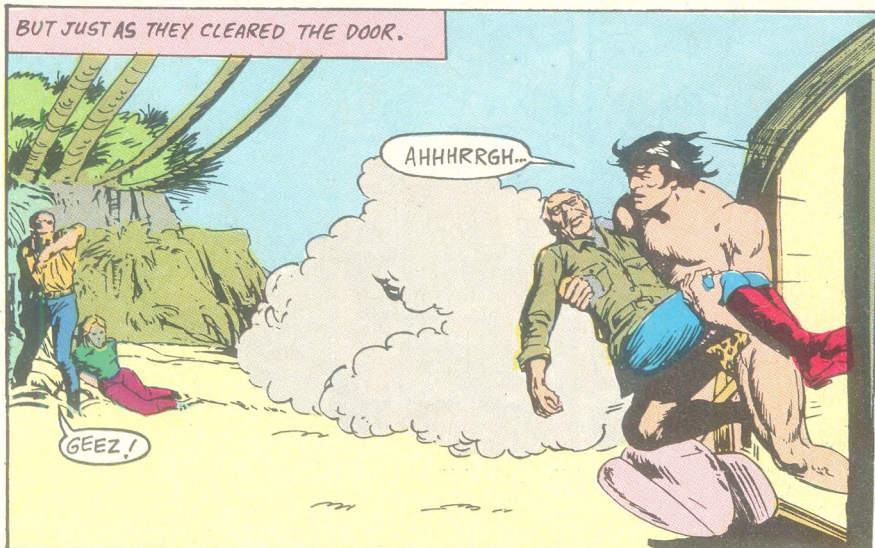
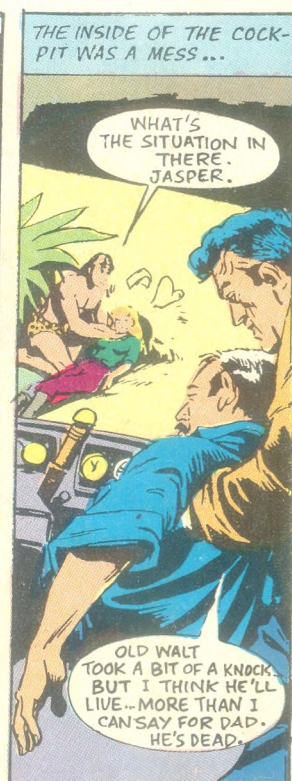
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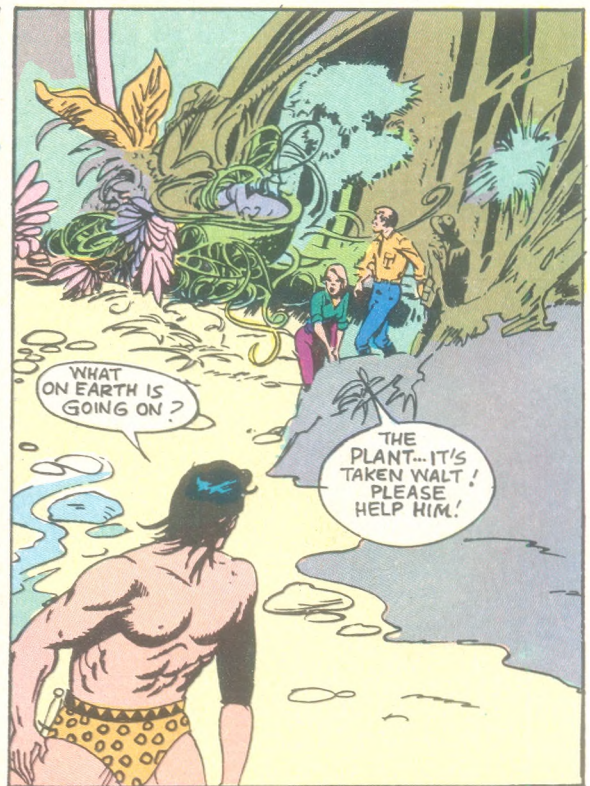
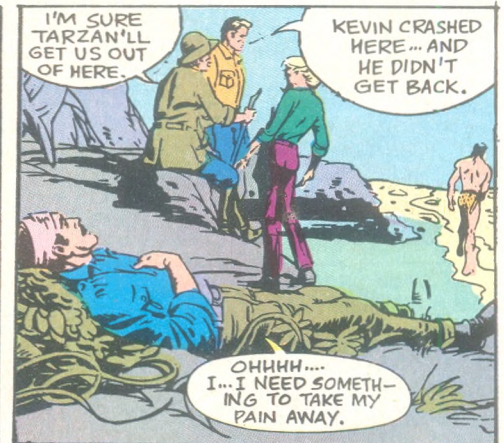
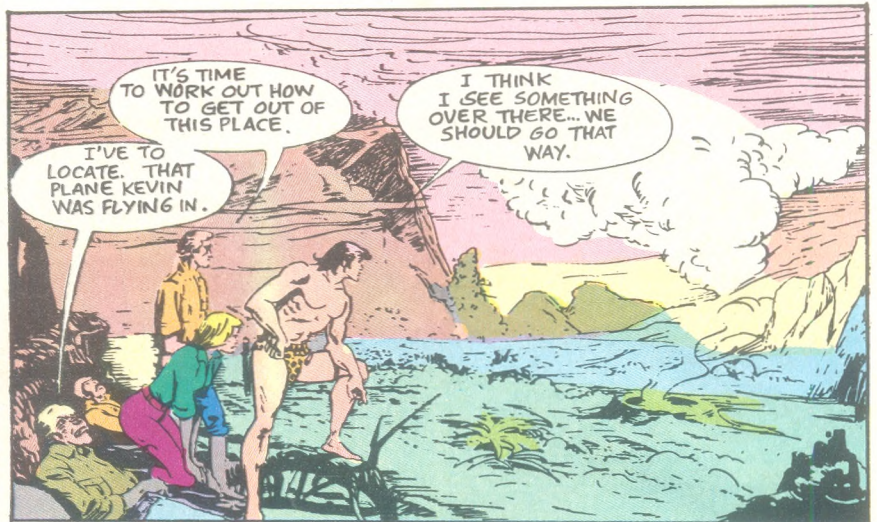
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A FEW SECONDS LATER THE LEAVES STOPPED RUSTLING.

SALLY THE THING HAS DEVoured HIM.

CURSE IT! HE WAS A DAMNED FINE PILOT.

OH, NO! NOT WALT.

WE'LL ALL END UP AS PLANT FOOD... THANKS TO YOU AND YOUR CRAZY IDEA OF TRYING TO FIND KEVIN.

GET A GRIP OF YOURSELF, JASON!

WE'LL JUST HAVE TO AVOID THOSE PLANTS FROM NOW ON. LET'S GO.

IT TOOK NEARLY AN HOUR TO LOCATE THE WING SECTION.

HANK THAT'S THE WING YOU SAW IN THE PHOTOGRAPH.

AND REST OF THE PLANE?

THE PLANE PROBABLY BROKE UP IN MID AIR... AND ONLY THE WING ENDED UP HERE.

F... FOR ONCE YOU MAY BE RIGHT. JASPER. MY POOR KEVIN.

HOLD ON! COME WITH ME!

HERE IT IS! WE'VE FOUND IT!

IS... IS THERE ANYONE INSIDE TARZAN?

TARZAN PULLED AWAY THE CREEPER AND CAUGHT HIS BREATH.

I... I'M AFRAID THERE IS, HANK.

K... KEVIN POOR KEVIN!

COME ON, POPS. I THINK YOU EXPECTED THIS... DIDN'T YOU?

I... I SUPPOSE I DID SALLY. BUT I HAD TO KNOW FOR SURE.

THIS COULD BECOME THE PENFOLD GRAVEYARD!

HANK... ARE YOU SURE HE WAS FLYING ALONE?

ER... YES I THINK SO!

HOLD ON... I THINK HE SOMETIMES FLEW WITH A MAN CALLED JIM DOWNS!

WELL... IT'S HIS SKELETON IN THE PLANE NOT KEVIN'S

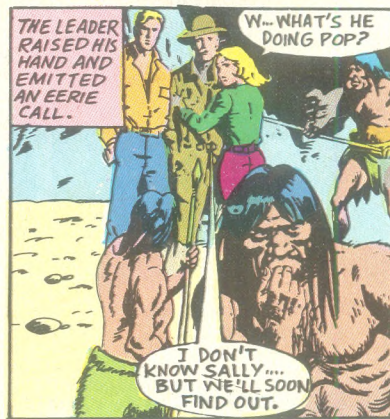
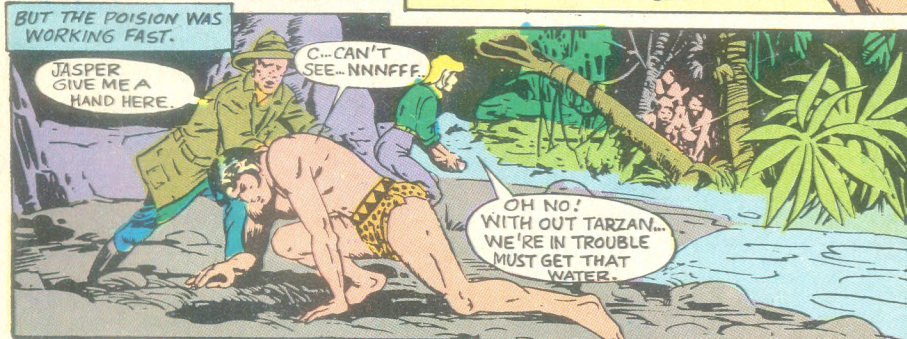
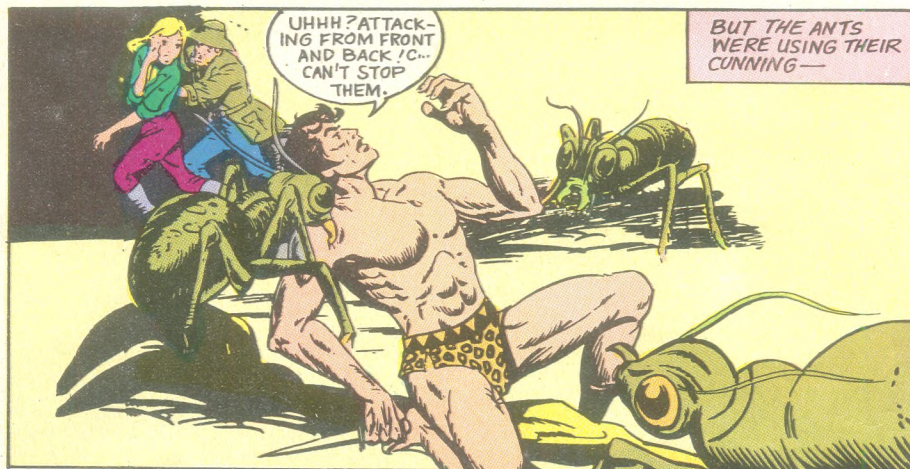
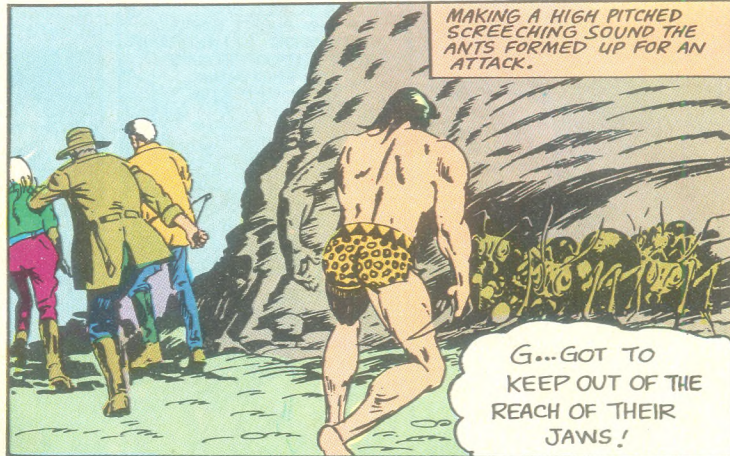
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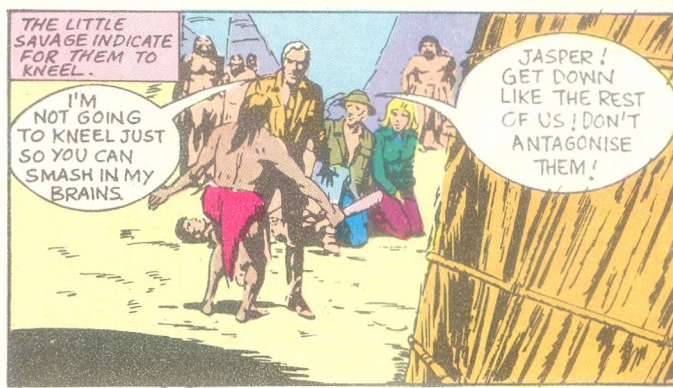
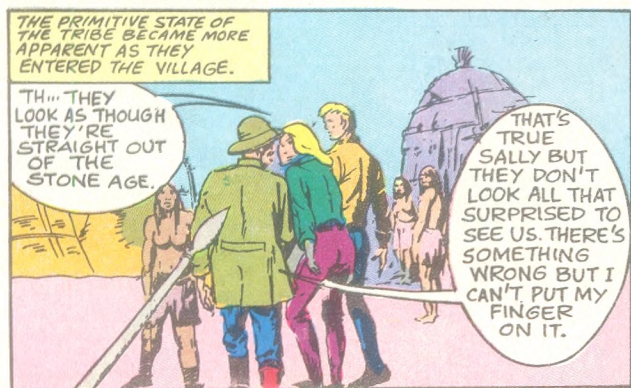
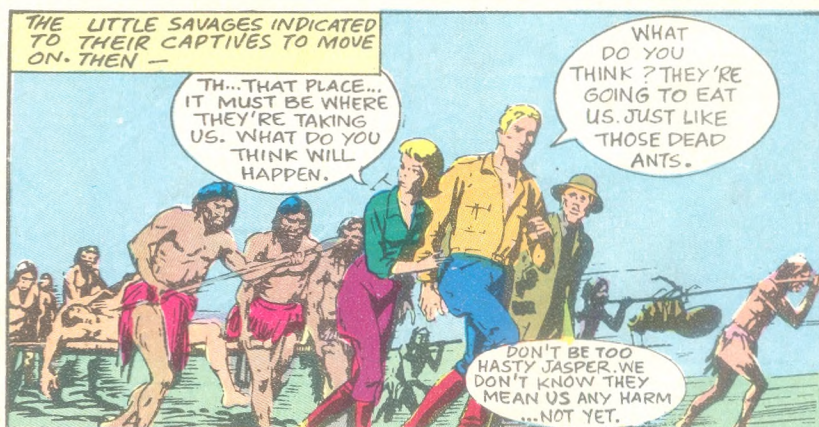
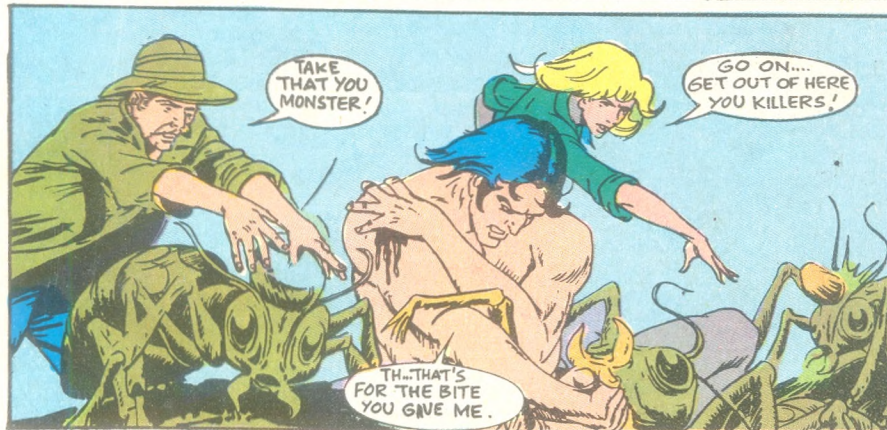
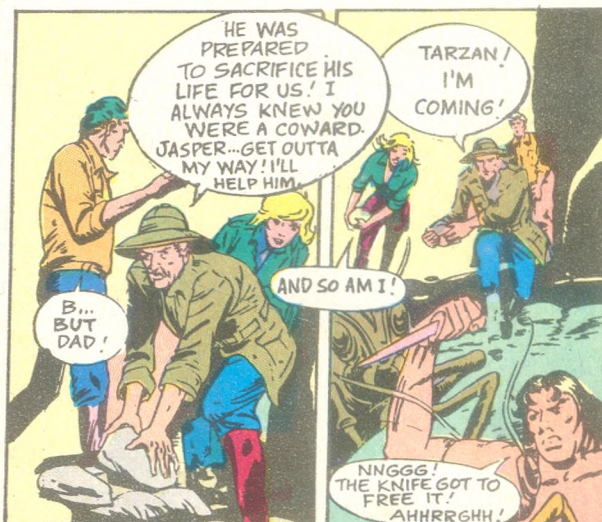
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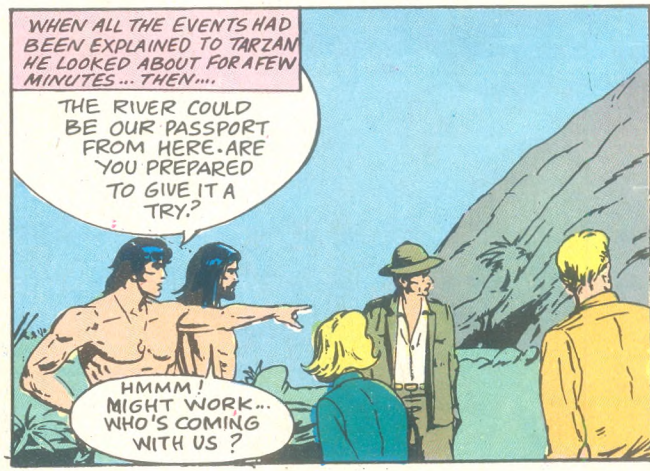
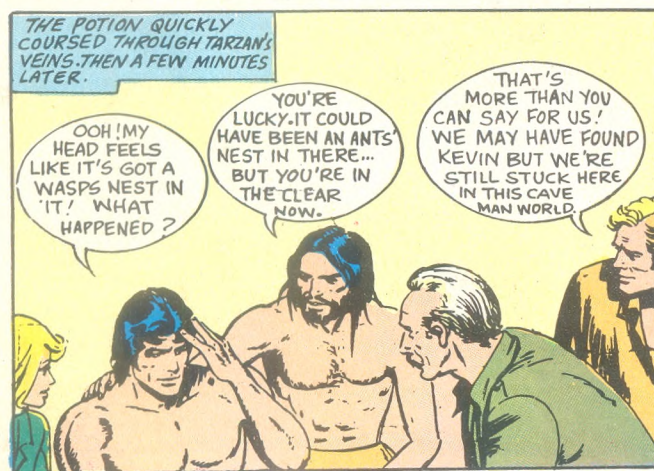
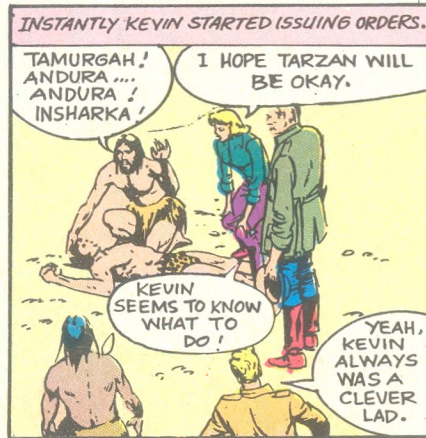
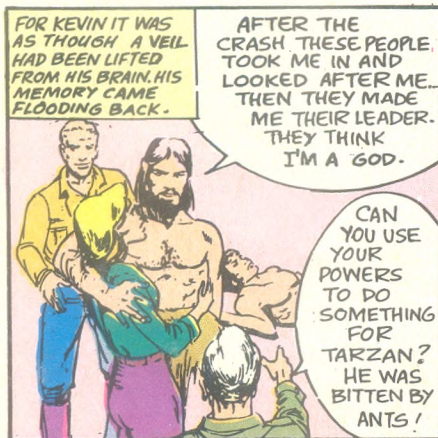
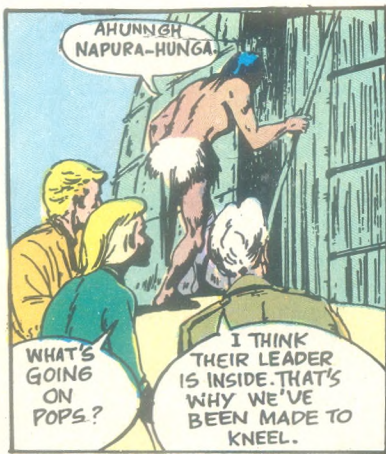
ARE YOU ALL CRAZY? HOW DO YOU THINK ANYONE COULD LIVE FOR TEN YEARS IN THIS HELL HOLE? IF HE DID SURVIVE THE CRASH ONE OF THOSE FLESH EATING PLANTS WOULD SOON FINISH HIM OFF.

MAYBE JASPER IS RIGHT!

BUT THERE IS STILL A SLIM HOPE. YOU CAN'T DENY ME THAT!

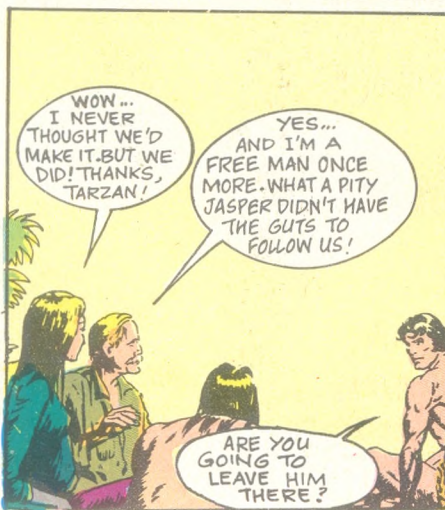
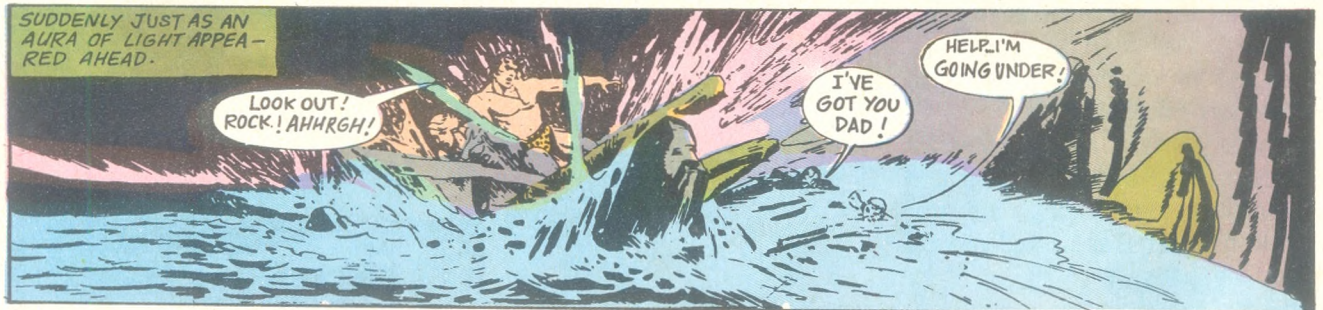
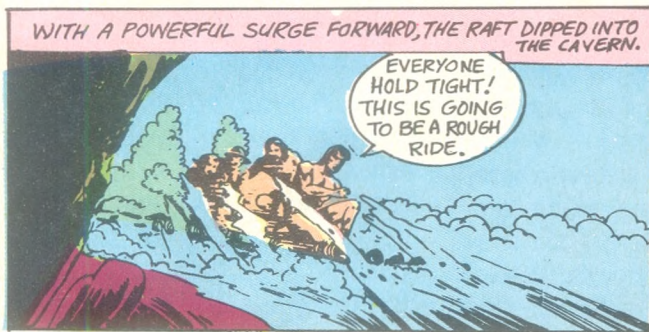
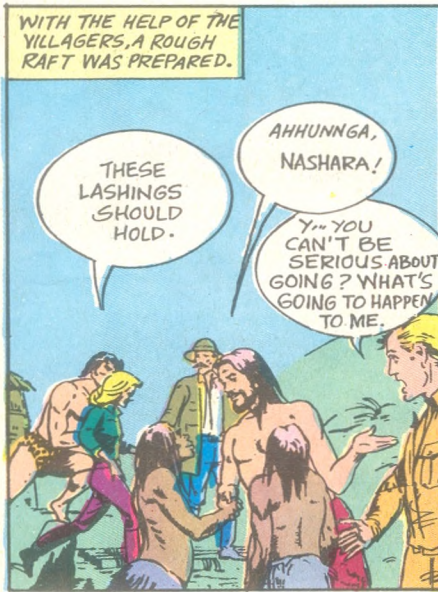


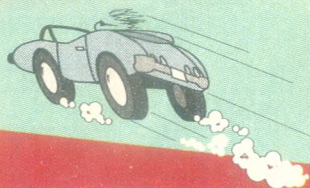






WITH THE HELP OF THE VILLAGERS, A ROUGH RAFT WAS PREPARED.





CAR AND BIKE



DAEWOO MIRAE

Stare Hard!

It is great to look at, has a mid-mounted straight six, is capable of stunning performance and it is a Daewoo!

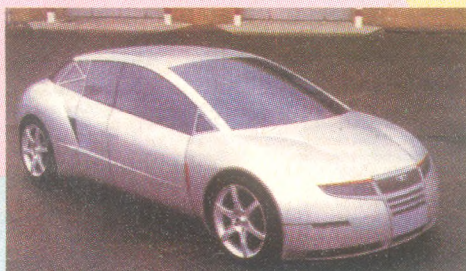
The star of the 1999 Seoul motor show is a new design concept from the chaebol which combines the driving excitement of a genuine sports car with the practicality of an MPV.

Bristling with clever design concepts and advanced techniques, the Daewoo Mirae- means 'future' in Korean- is environment friendly yet remains fun to drive.

Daewoo expects the Mirae to create a niche for itself and has coined the term VSC, Versatile Sports Car, for it. Created in the UK at Daewoo's state-of-the-art technical centre at Worthing on the Sussex coast, Mirae is also a test bed for tomorrow's technologies Daewoo is looking at.

With its stunning looks, impressive performance, agile handling and exemplary road-holding, the mid engined Mirae has all the credentials of a top-line sports car.

How did the engineers at Worthing make it practical? Mirae (pronounced Mi-Ray) has been designed to provide ample room for two adults and all that



skiing/snowboarding/surfboarding gear they can manage to buy, notwithstanding their normal luggage. It is also equally sufficient for a family of five on a long holiday.

Mirae has been created around a newly designed straight-six motor that displaces 2500CC and is mounted on its sides, amidships, to provide the best possible handling characteristics. The cabin has been reconfigured thanks to the use of a sandwich floor construction. This creates a flat-floored interior which allows the seats to be repositioned or removed as required.

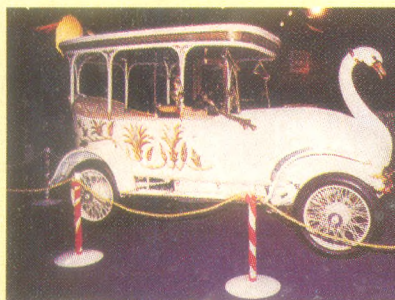
The chassis features a fully-active suspension system with adaptive damping and both steer-by-wire

and brake-by-wire technologies, while other unique features include translucent HDPE (High Density Polyethylene) seats with trimmed cushion inserts which use 'water bed' concept to mould themselves to passenger requirements. Fluid-filled pockets adapt to the ergonomic and heating/cooling needs of the passenger, reacting to electrical stimulus from on-board systems programmed by the user's smart card.

SWAN CAR



Outrageous Brooke with a wooden swan beaked body made by an eccentric Scotsman which caught the fancy of the Maharaja of Nabha who purchased it for his use. Note the intricate work on the car's flanks and rear. Truly one of its kind in the world.





Auto Quiz

1. Which Swedish car company did FORD buy out recently?
2. Which Indian automobile manufacturer had an assembly plant in Turkey?
3. Name the two models of Volvo trucks assembled and sold in India?
4. This Indian-made vehicle used to be known as Samurai and Side Kick in various international markets, name it.
5. Promising Narain Karthikeyan won a F3 race recently at....?

Answers:
1. Volvo
2. Mahindra and Mahindra
3. FH12 and FL7
4. The Maruti Gypsy
5. Brands Hatch in the UK



A new saloon idea

Noted Italian design house IDEA, better known in India for styling the Tata Indica, showed off a new concept saloon at the Geneva Motor Show, known as the IDEA One. This concept car has been designed as a lightweight but hi-tech luxury saloon of the coming years. IDEA One has a new and very compact V8 engine designed and built by noted Austrian engineering firm AVL (335bhp and 521Nm). A 248 kmph top speed and a zero to 100kmph time of 5.5 seconds are claimed by IDEA. Due to its low weight yet new advances in chassis design, IDEA informed that the car boasts high levels of torsional rigidity and helps enhance handling and ride, plus it also makes for better occupant safety.



Yamaha YZF-R6

Engine Type: Liquid-cooled transverse four
Valve Gear: Dohc, 16 valves
Clutch: Wet multi plate
Transmission: 6-speed
Maximum Power: 120bhp @ 13,000rpm
Maximum Torque: 68.1Nm @ 11,500rpm
Front Brakes: Two four-piston calipers, 295mm discs
Rear Brake: Double-action caliper, 220mm disc
Front wheel: 3.50x17in; cast aluminium
Rear Wheel: 5.50x17in cast aluminium
Fuel capacity: 17 litres
Dry weight: 169kg
Instruments: Tachometer, digital speedometer, water temperature gauge, clock, multi-function odometer including fuel trip odometer; lights for turn signals, neutral, high beam, low oil pressure, low fuel level.

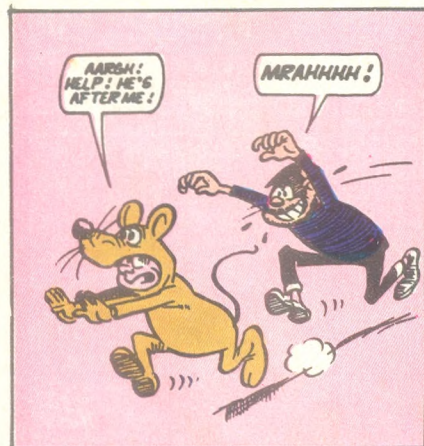
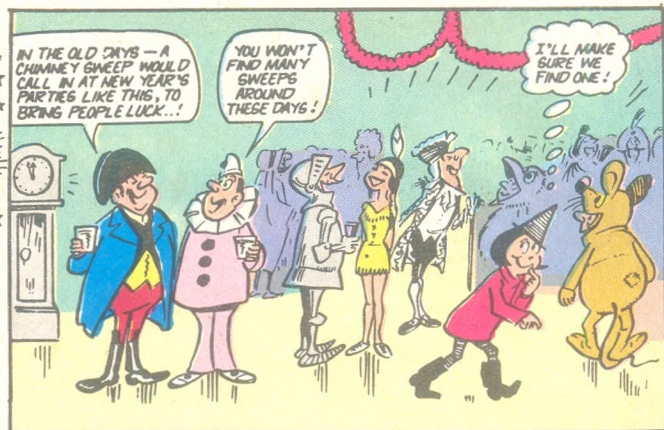


DUCATI MONDURO

Here is noted bike designer Glynn Kerr's rendering of a Ducati Monduro which makes use of the firm's Monstro engine and frame with proper dual-purpose style on-off road bodywork and suspension plus tyres. With sales in Europe of bikes like the BMW F650, the Cagiva Canyon and even the likes of the Honda Varadero, showing an upward trend, Ducati obviously thought it foolish to forego this category of bike.

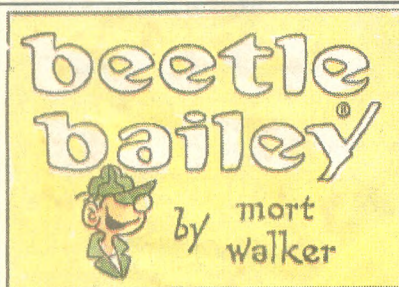
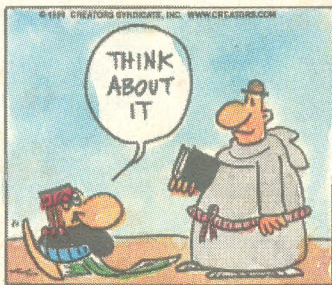
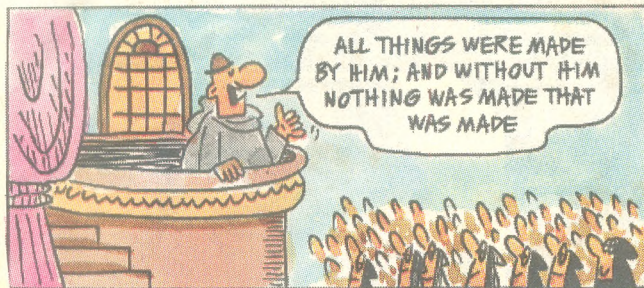


BEWITCHED BELINDA



Wizard of ID

by parker and hart



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WONDERS of NATURE

by Swan

Because a kangaroo rat is a small, defenseless creature, he has to be very crafty to stay alive.

The snake is his most frequent foe. To defend himself, the kangaroo rat sits up on his hind legs and lets his enemies get nearer and nearer.

Here again, the rat remains passive and just as the lynx is about to attack, he swings around and kicks up a shower of sand and dust with his hind legs, blinding his attacker.

Just when the snake is about to strike, the kangaroo rat suddenly jumps and hops around so quickly that it's practically impossible to follow him. This scares the snake and he slithers away.

Different tactics must be used against other enemies, such as the lynx.

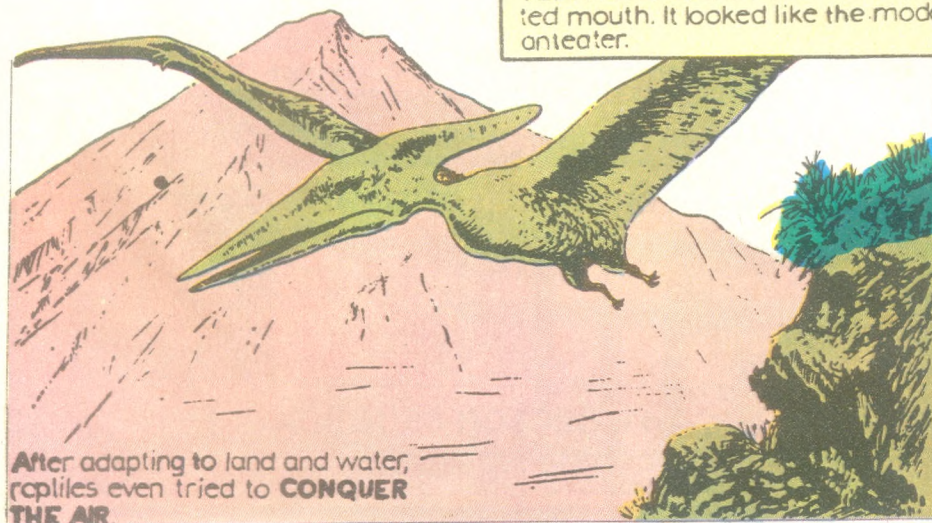
When the lynx recovers his vision, the kangaroo rat has disappeared.

SHAPING the EARTH

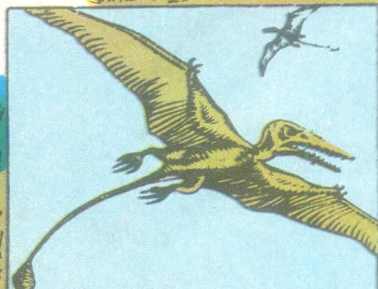
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THOSE WEIRD FLYING REPTILES

Of these so-called flying SAURIANS, the **PTERODACTYL** is the best known. Outstanding were its unusual skull and greatly elongated fourth finger. This extended finger supported a membrane, or fold of skin, that **HAD A WINGSPREAD of 27 ft**. Next to this strange fourth digit, the three first fingers were very small, and the fifth had disappeared entirely. Like birds, the **PTERODACTYL HAD NO TEETH** and its skull ended in a pointed mouth. It looked like the modern onteater.



After adapting to land and water, reptiles even tried to **CONQUER THE AIR**.



The **RHAMPHORHYNCHUS** an animal, lived earlier than the **PTERODACTYL**, and still had teeth. It steered itself with a long, thin tail.

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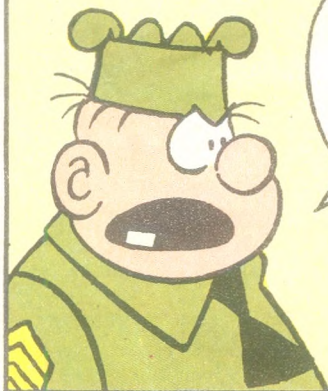


by mort walker

WHO DROPPED
THAT CANDY
WRAPPER ON
THE FLOOR?



HOW CAN
THOSE MEN
TREAT THEIR
HOME LIKE
THAT?



LOOK AT
THIS MESS!



IF I WAS
YOUR MOTHER
YOU KNOW
WHAT
I'D DO?!



I'D SCREAM AND YELL
AND MAKE YOU WORK!



I'D TEACH YOU
TO LIVE LIKE
CIVILIZED
HUMAN
BEINGS!!



THEN YOU
KNOW
WHAT
I'D DO?

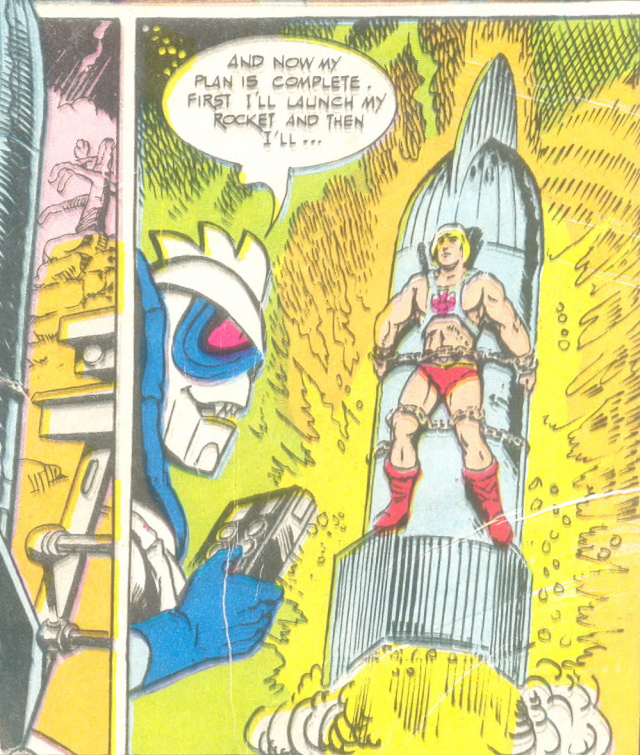
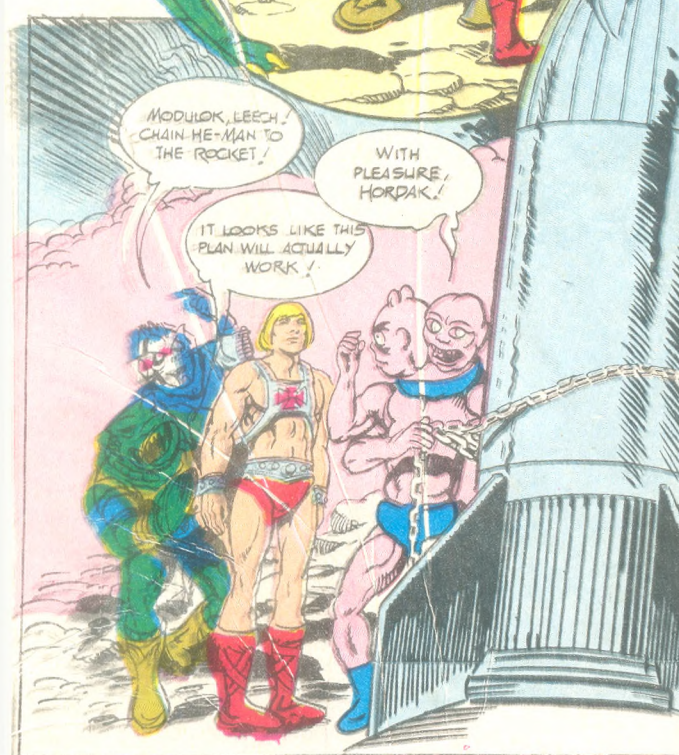
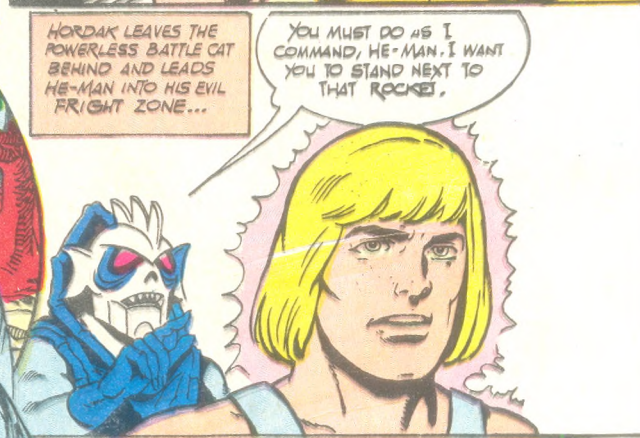
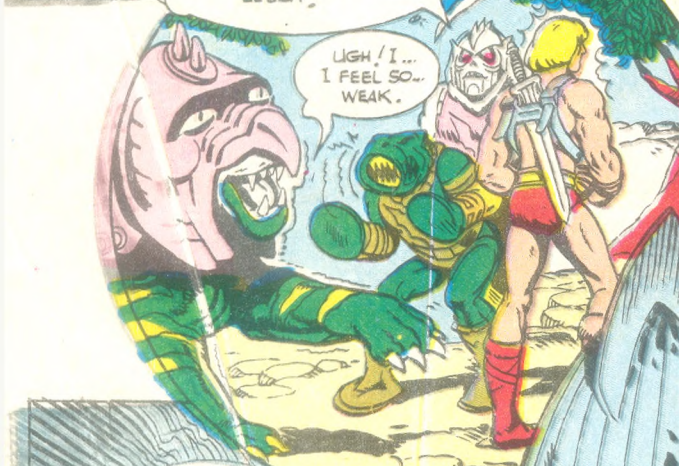
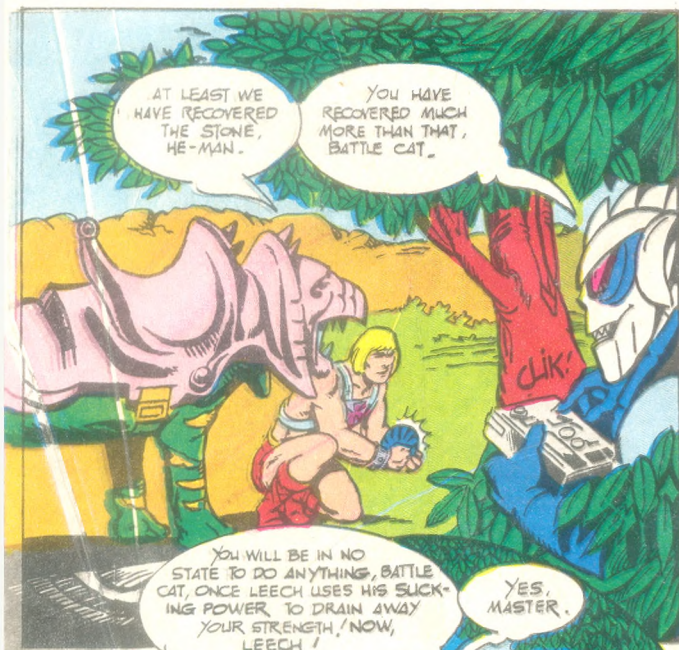
GIVE US
A BIG
HUG?

MAKE
US
SOME
CHICKEN
SOUP?

GIVE US
COOKIES
AND
MILK?

10-25

MORT
WALKER





DISCARD THE GEM-
STONE AND SET HE-MAN'S
MIND FREE. I WANT HIM TO
BE FULLY AWARE OF WHAT
HE IS ABOUT TO DO TO
ETERNOS, HE, HE, HE!

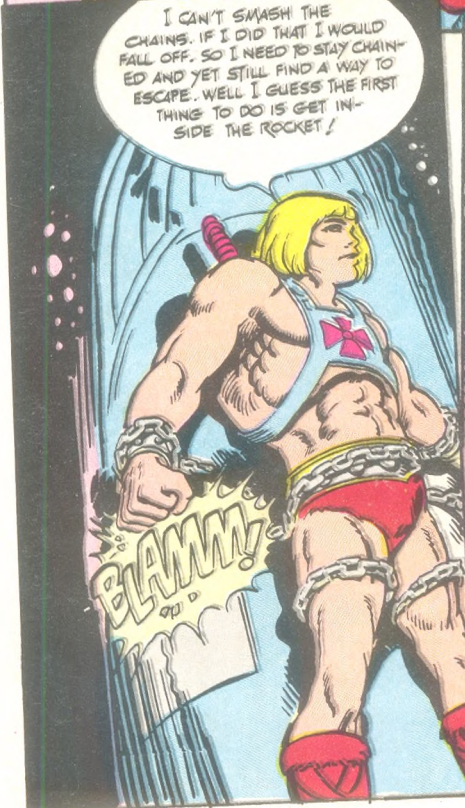


GOODBYE, HE-MAN! THAT ROCKET
IS PACKED WITH EXPLOSIVES AND TARGET-
ED AT ETERNOS. YOU CANNOT ESCAPE,
AND ITS COMPUTER WILL GUIDE
IT TO YOUR CITY!

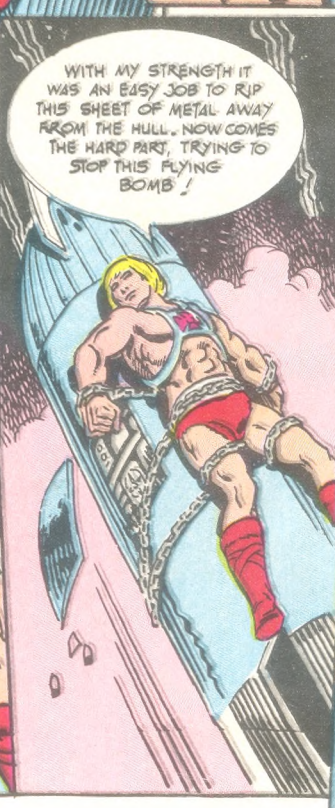


THE FIEND! HORDAK
FREED MY MIND SO THAT I
WOULD BE AWARE OF WHAT
IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN. HE
IS TRULY EVIL!

BUT MAYBE HE
IS TOO EVIL FOR HIS OWN
GOOD. BECAUSE I NOW HAVE
TIME TO STOP HIS
ROCKET. BUT HOW?



I CAN'T SMASH THE
CHAINS. IF I DID THAT I WOULD
FALL OFF. SO I NEED TO STAY CHAIN-
ED AND YET STILL FIND A WAY TO
ESCAPE. WELL I GUESS THE FIRST
THING TO DO IS GET IN-
SIDE THE ROCKET!

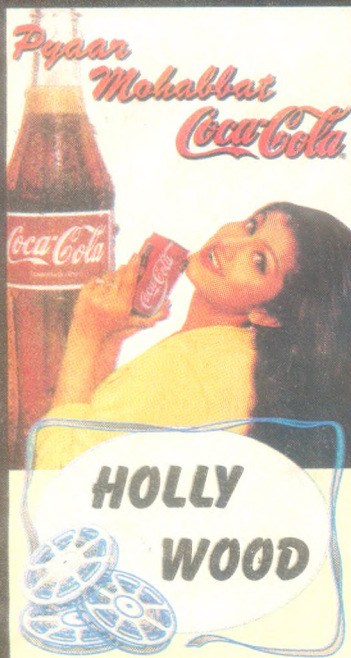


WITH MY STRENGTH IT
WAS AN EASY JOB TO RIP
THIS SHEET OF METAL AWAY
FROM THE HULL. NOW COMES
THE HARD PART, TRYING TO
STOP THIS FLYING
BOMB!



HMMMM, I'LL NEVER MAKE
SENSE OF THIS WIRING IN THE SHORT
TIME I HAVE REMAINING. AHA! IT
LOOKS LIKE I HAVE JUST
FOUND A WAY OUT OF
THIS TRAP

WELL, YOUNG WARRIORS,
CAN YOU SEE A WAY OUT
OF THIS TRAP? READ ON
FOR THE ANSWER.



The Phantom Menace

Evil is on a rampage in the world today but we can save mankind by getting back to the basics of friendship, loyalty and kindness to others, says Star Wars creator George Lucas.

That's the hidden millennium message in the genius director's new Star Wars spectacle. Sixteen years after Lucas dosed the book on his enormously popular trilogy, he's re-opening it to tell us an epic story with everyday values he says are desperately needed "for the end of, the millennium."

We also need something else, Lucas declares: Heroes, great and small, from all walks of life.

"Star Wars: Episode 1-- The Phantom Menace" is a tale about the classic battle between good and evil -- a battle that, after thousands of years, is still going on.

"The film is ultimately about the dark side and the light side," says Lucas, 54, who wrote the entire movie himself.

"The issues that exist today are the same ones that existed 3,000 years ago ... we haven't come very far emotionally."

The dark side can be summed up in one word: Greed. That means selfishly thinking only of yourself and your desires, of "getting things and owning things," notes the director.

The light side is compassion, in other words, kindness toward others, one of the simplest forms of heroism.

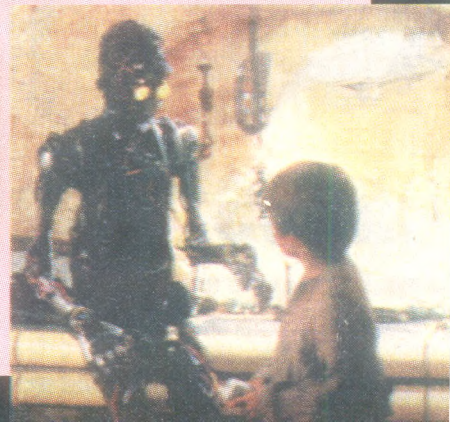
Today's kids complain they don't have the opportunity to become heroes like the larger-than-life swashbucklers in the Star Wars sagas. But that's not true, Lucas told Time magazine. "Heroes come in all sizes, and you don't have to be a giant hero. You can be a very small hero."

"It's just as important to understand that accepting self-responsibility for the things you do, having good manners, caring about other people, these are heroic acts."

"Everybody has the choice of being a hero or not being a hero every day of their lives. You don't have to get into a giant laser-sword fight and blow up three space-ships to become a hero."

Lucas studied many religions from around the world and incorporated their teachings into his latest Star Wars action thriller.

*"Heroes come in all sizes, and you don't
have to be a giant hero.
You can be a very small hero."*





The Young Hero

The Force is most definitely with him. Otherwise how could he have landed the biggest role of the century from among 6000-odd contenders over a two-year-long casting stretch? But 10 year-old Jake Lloyd had to pay a price to get the role of young Anakin Skywalker -- Darth Vader as a boy in Star Wars: Episode I -- The Phantom Menace. He had to cancel his birthday party.

"Everyone thought my mom was horrible for making me work on my birthday," said the fifth-grader in "Time For Kids". "But they didn't know that I was doing something that I loved."

Many would say Lloyd is just lucky. But his impressive acting record speaks for much more. His role as Jamie, Arnold Schwarzenegger's cute son in Jingle All The Way; or as Marisa Tomei's sensitive son J.J. in Unhook the Stars; or the numerous TV series, The Pretender, Apollo II and commercials -- he's handled every role with aplomb.

With his role in Star Wars he now joins Dave Prowse, James Earl Jones and Sebastian Shaw who have previously played Anakin Skywalker. "Vader's always been my favourite Star Wars character," said an energetic and impish Lloyd at a press conference. "Vader's really a good guy," he insisted. "He's the only one who could destroy the emperor in the end (1983's Return of the Jedi). In contrast with his co-star Natalie Portman, who plays Queen Amidala (Anakin Skywalker's future wife) and hasn't even seen the prequel to Star Wars, Lloyd is well informed about the subject of his latest film.

"When I got the part, I started yelling," he recalled in an interview with Washington Post. "Then I took a deep breath and thought, 'Oh my gosh -- I got Star Wars!' Then I yelled some more. Then I started crying."

Lloyd's parents have no problems with his interest in acting (His next film, Crown of Blood, is well under way). "As long as he is having fun when working it's okay, but it's important that he has time to just be a kid," says Lisa Lloyd, his mother and the article agent in training. But does he play Jake Lloyd, the actor, all the time? He does resist doing household chores, says Lisa. Then she has to remind him he's not a movie star so much as a kid.

Otherwise, when he's not working, he rides his bike, plays with his friends, goes rollerblading, and spends time walking his dog J.J. (named after his character in Unhook the Stars)



HOME ALONE 3

Home Alone 3, is populated with brand new characters and an entirely new cast; and is not a sequel in the purest sense of the word. The villains in Home Alone 3 are international, high tech, highly capable criminals. But their skills and cunning are absolutely useless against Alex, an eight year old kid.



HERCULES

Disney follows Hercules on his exciting journey from "zero to hero" as he discovers the true hero and seeks to regain his rightful place among the Gods of Mount Olympus.



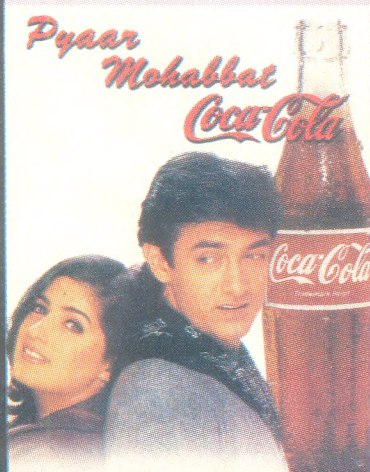
GEORGE OF THE JUNGLE

This rollicking, live-action Walt Disney film swings from comedy to action to adventure to drama, to romance with a sharp blend of humour, slapstick, dazzling special effects, and larger-than-life jungle adventure. In the end, George finds that love conquers all as he regains his rightful position, on the throne, as King of the Jungle.



AN ASTASIA

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INDI POP

SHEKHAR KAPUR TO DIRECT SUCHITRA'S NEW ALBUM

It's true. The world-famous-in-Bollywood film director Shekhar Kapur is slated to direct a music video for a song from wife Suchitra Krishnamoorthy's new album coming out soon from EMI. Good news, we

must say. She's also slated to move with her man to set base in Hollywood, of course, to conquer the world. "And who knows, there just might be a world album happening when I move to the US," she says excitedly. God knows, is all we can say.



'KUCH KUCH DIL MEIN'

Punjabi singer jaspinder Narula shot to fame with the songs in 'Kuch Kuch Hota Hai'. Now she's come out with her Hindi-Pop album, 'Kuch Kuch Dil Mein'. Here she talks about her growth as a singer.



Kunika is now Malaika

Kunika, of 'Lakhon Mein Ek' fame, in keeping with the changing seasons, has now changed her name. She is, from now onwards, at least for the Pop music industry, going to be known as Malaika. It's a more Pop-ish name, she apparently feels, as do we. So get ready for her new album.



**TEMPTING OTHERS
WITH HER NAME**



HERE COMES GIDDA-POP

RAJESHWARI SACHDEV'S

NEW ALBUM

'HULE HULARAY'



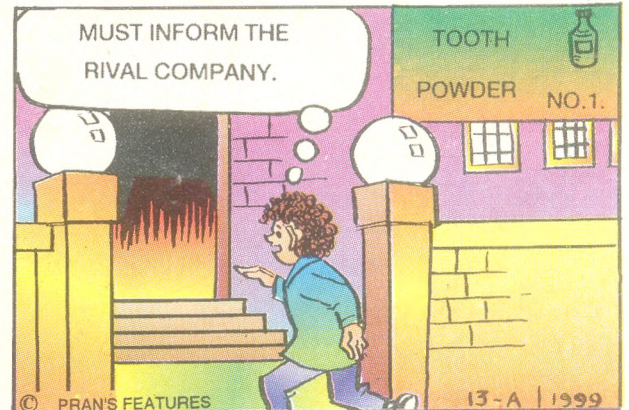
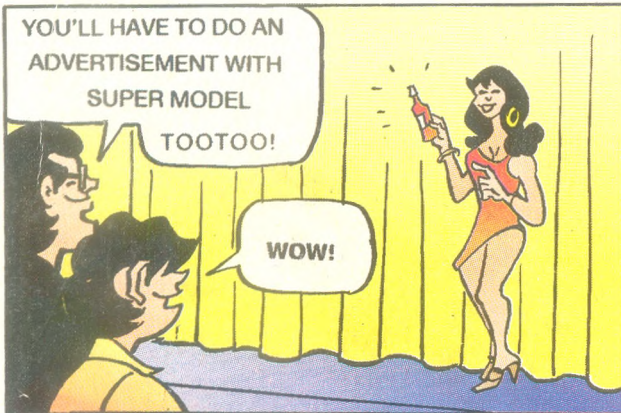
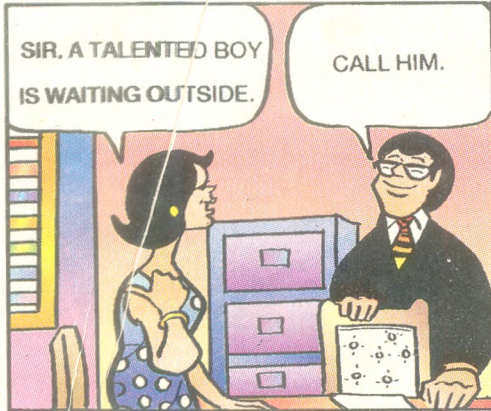
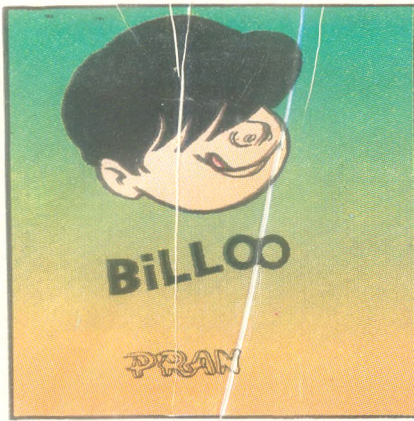
Rajeshwari Sachdev's new album 'Hule Hularay' is setting new trends in the fast moving world of Indi-pop. Rajeshwari is a trained Bharat Natyam dancer. She has also acted in some distinguished movies like Bertolucci's 'little Buddha'. For her magnificent performance in 'Sardari Begum', she bagged the National Award. In a sense, the field of music is new to her. But she looks confident.

'Hule Hularay' is her debut album. It's got music by Amar Haldipur and lyrics by Naqsh Layalpuri and Israt Ahmed. The album has got elements of folk music in it. There are quite a few beautiful songs in this album, like, there is a song called 'Aaja Re Aaja' which is inspired from the Punjabi 'Chalaa', 'Chalaa' is a beautiful form of folk from Punjab. The best of the artists have tried their hand at 'Chalaa', 'Chalaa' is a ballad which is bursting at it's seams with emotions.

'Hule Hularay' is a Gidda number. Now-a-days everybody has gone Bhangra - Bhangra - Bhangra. They have just forgotten that there are other facets of Punjabi folk music.

In that sense 'Hule Hularay' is a welcome move. All the numbers of this album have a catchy beat and they are really danceable.

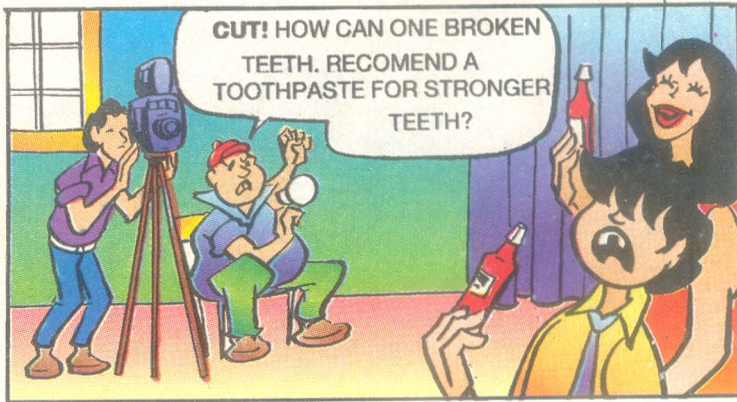
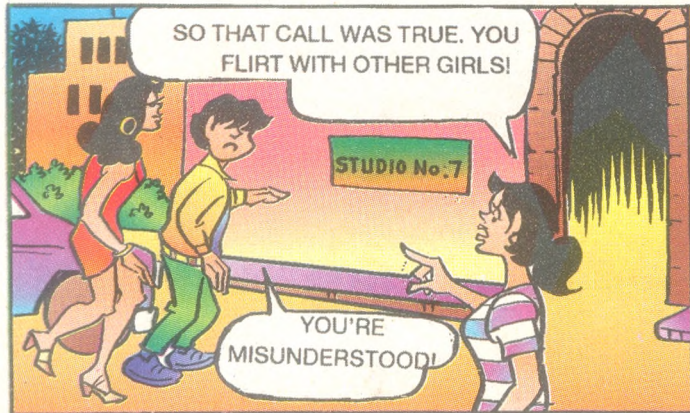
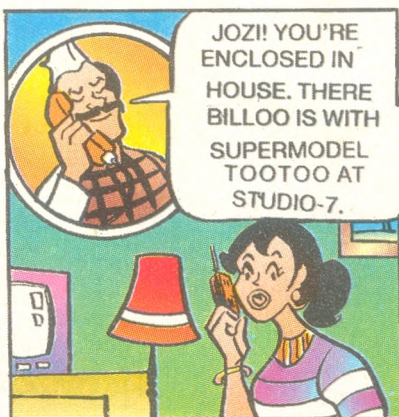


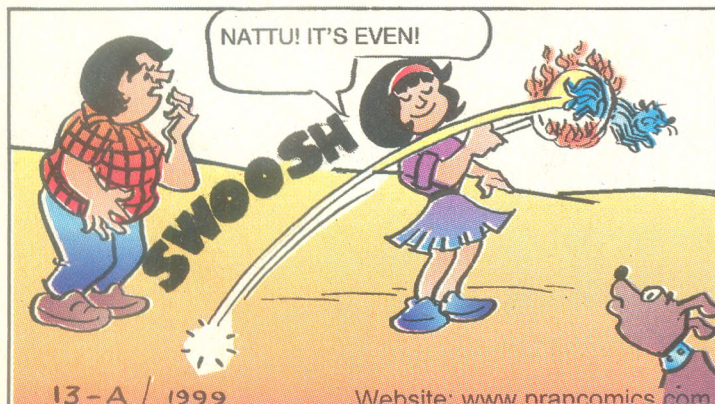
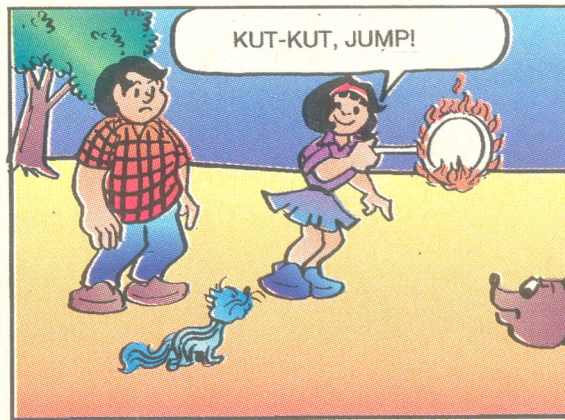
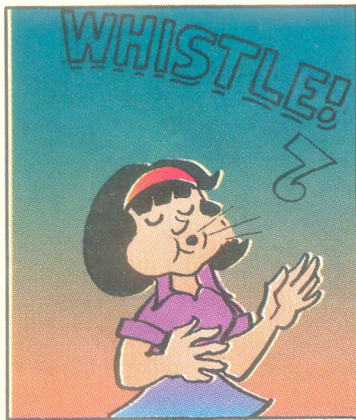
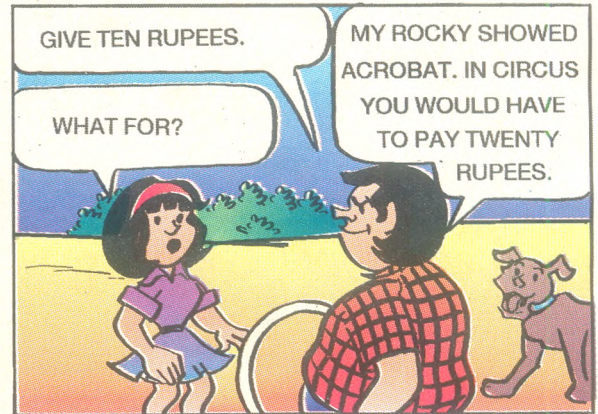
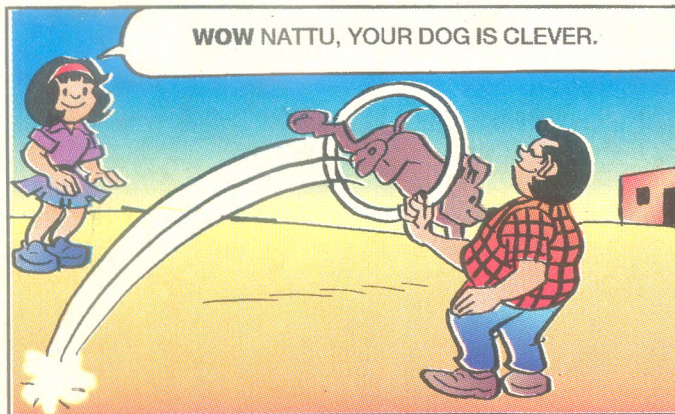
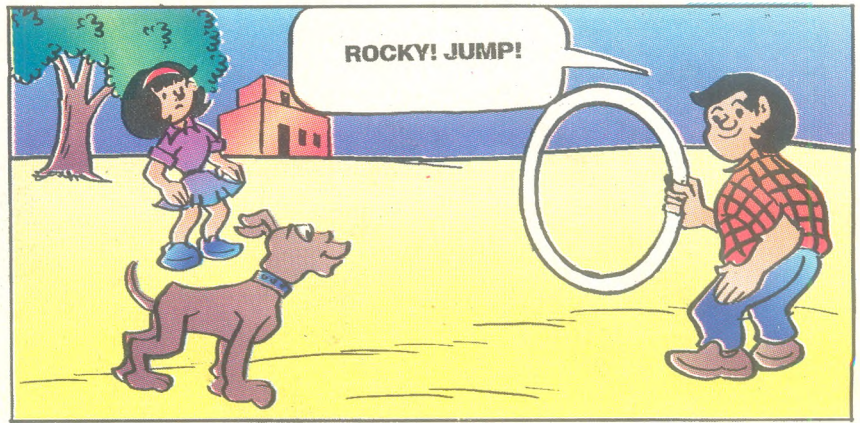


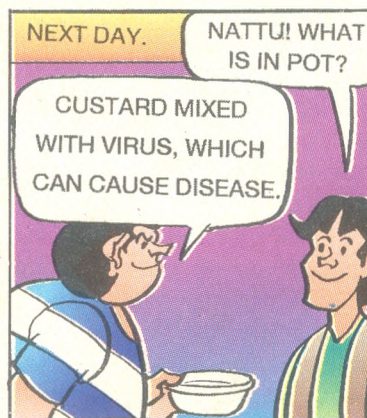
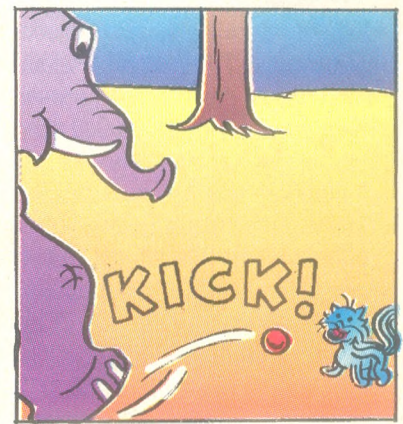
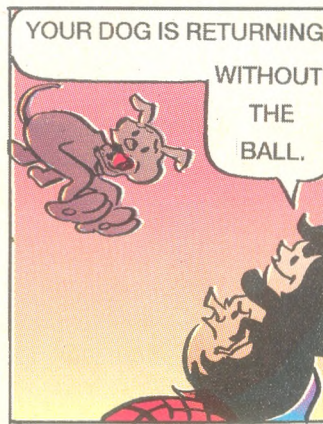
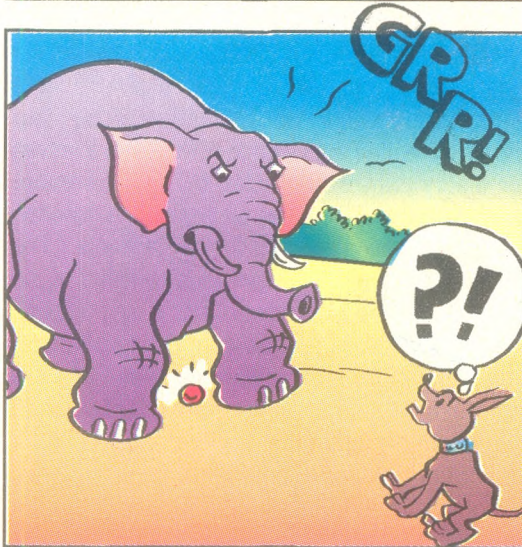
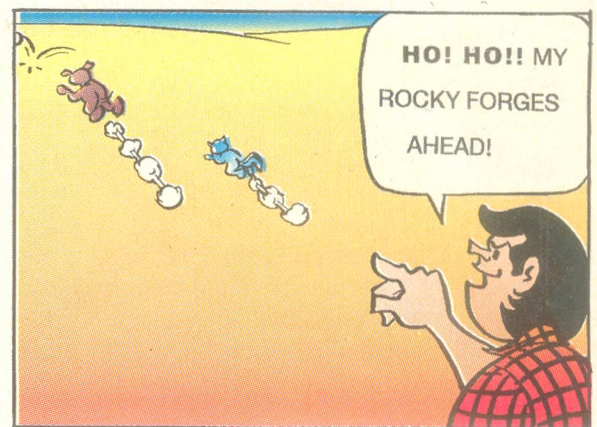
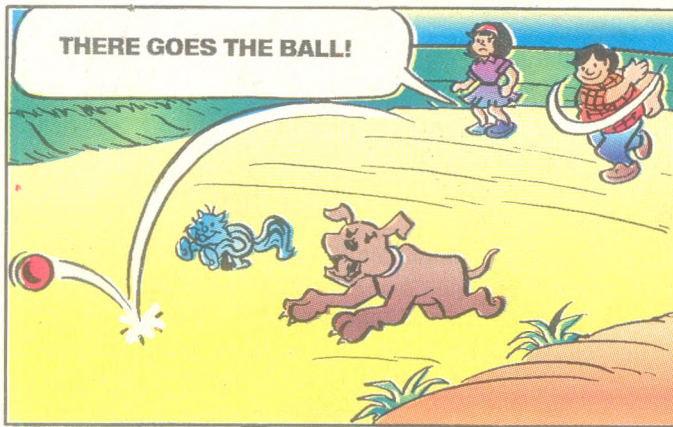
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Career Line



Pervin Malhotra

I am a class XII student. Can you please suggest some of the good institutions offering courses in Architecture and also their selection procedure.
Ramesh Sawhney, New Delhi

A Bachelor's course in Architecture (B.Arch) is usually a 5 year or 10 semester programme. This course is open to students who have passed Class XII with physics, chemistry and maths as subjects. A few institutions, however, (e.g. TVB School of Habitat Studies) only require mathematics. You must be between 16-21 years of age. There are as many as 90-odd schools of architecture in India, of which some of the well-known ones are: School of Planning and Architecture (Deemed University), 4, Block-B, Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi-110 009. School of Architecture, Centre for Environmental Planning & Architecture (CEPT), Navrangpura, Ahmedabad-380 002. IIT, Kharagpur-721302. Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi 835 215. Chandigarh College of Architecture, Chandigarh-160 012. Sir JJ College of Architecture, University of Mumbai, 78/3, Dr. D. N. Road, Mumbai 400 001. Govt. College of Architecture, Tagore Road, Lucknow-226 002. Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar-143 005. Anna University, Chennai-600 025. The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara 390 002. University of Roorkee, Roorkee-247 667.

LS Raheja School of Architecture, Bandra, Mumbai-400 050. Tulsi Vidya Bhartiya (TVB) School of Habitat Studies, Sector-D, Pocket-II, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110 070.

Besides these, there are other private schools and government-run polytechnics that offer diploma-level courses in Architecture. Admission to most of the Bachelor's degree courses in Architecture is through an entrance examination.

I wish to become an Indian Airlines Pilot. Could you please help me in realising my ambition?

Dilip Arora, Delhi.

In order to become a pilot, you will have to acquire three licences: the Student Pilot Licence (SPL) which is similar to a learner's licence for driving a car, followed by a Private Pilot Licence (PPL) before obtaining the Commercial Pilot Licence

(CPL). These licences are issued by the Ministry of Civil Aviation on qualifying the exams and clocking the prescribed flying experience. For acquiring an SPL, the eligibility is 16 years of age and 10+2 (PCM). You will be required to take an objective-type entrance test for evaluating your general awareness, reasoning power and analytical abilities. A medical examination follows. This is not a major hurdle unless you have some serious ailment or handicap. Those with eye defects (myopia, hypermetropia, etc.) are advised to always wear spectacles and keep an extra pair on standby. The second step is qualifying for the Private Pilot Licence (PPL). This involves appearing for theory papers conducted by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on air navigation, aviation meteorology, air regulation and technical aspects. The curriculum is designed to give you overall knowledge of the body of the aircraft, principles and rules of flying, airspeed and cockpit instrumentation, including know-how about a particular type of aircraft-Piper, Cessna, Pushpak, etc. For PPL, it is mandatory to acquire 60 hours of flying experience of which 20 should be solo flying. Alongside, the student must also apply for the radio and telephone operating licence issued by the Ministry of Communications that equips one with the knowledge of radio language and specific commands. To obtain a CPL, a PPL-holder has to clear theory papers on the same five topics but at a more advanced-level. As a PPL-holder, you must have 250 hours of flying experience in the course of which you should have packed in solo flying, cross-country flying and day and night landing. The minimum age for joining a flying club is 16 years for SPL and 18 years for CPL. A commercial pilot becomes a senior commercial pilot upon upgrading his flying hours and finally, after clocking 1,000 hours of flying experience, he qualifies for the ALTP or Airline Pilot Licence.

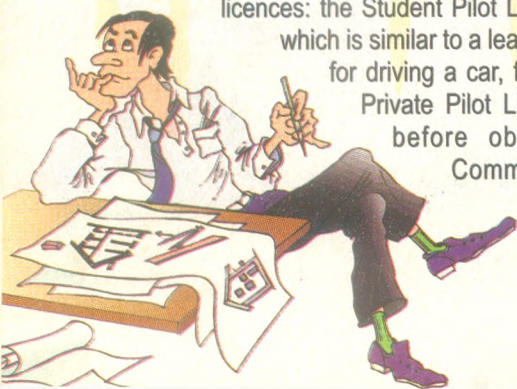
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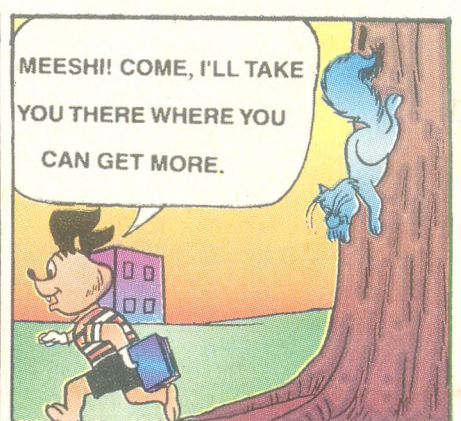
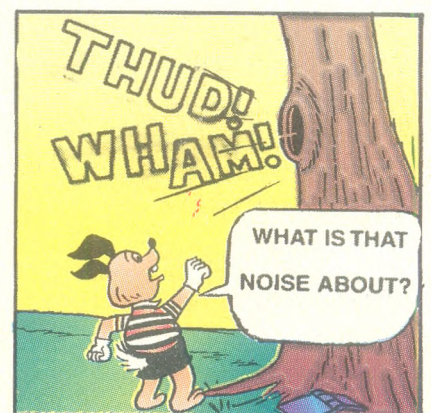
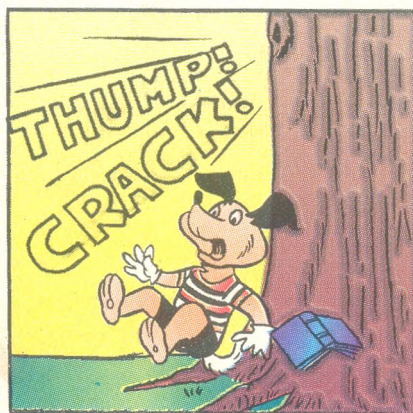
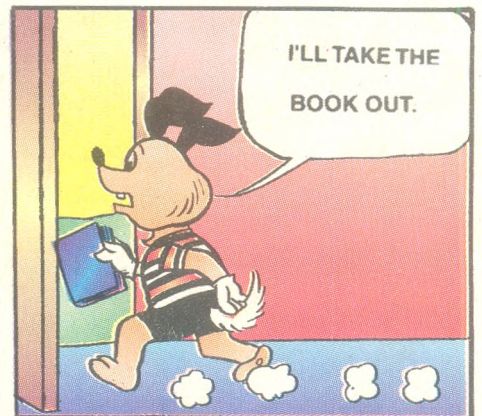
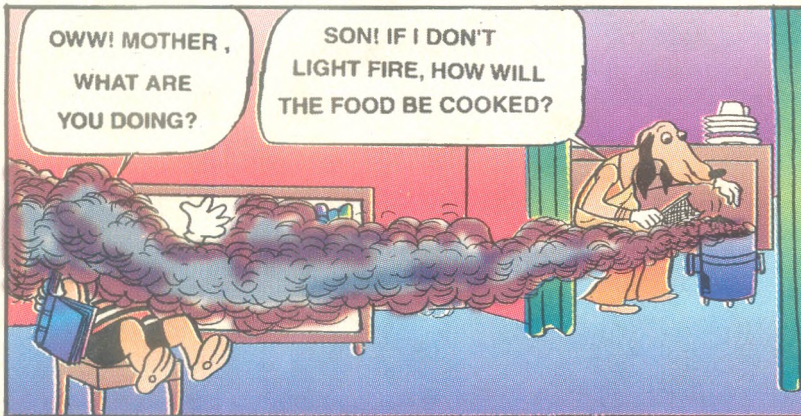
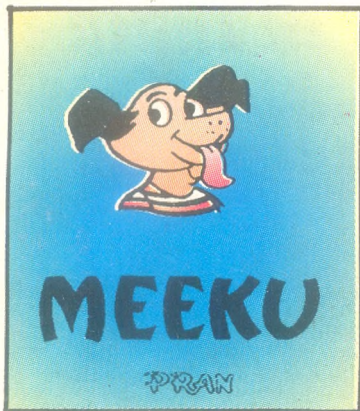
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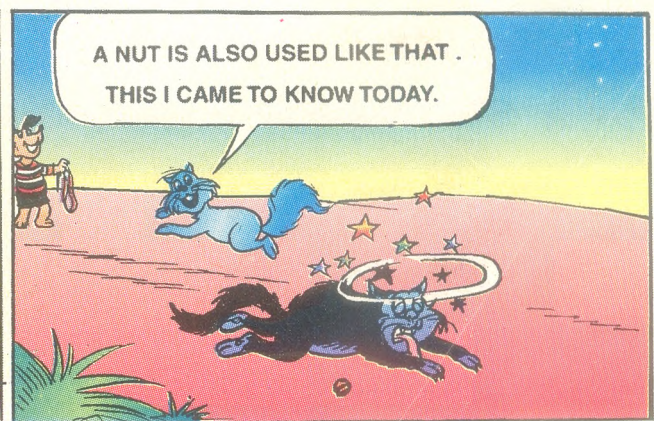
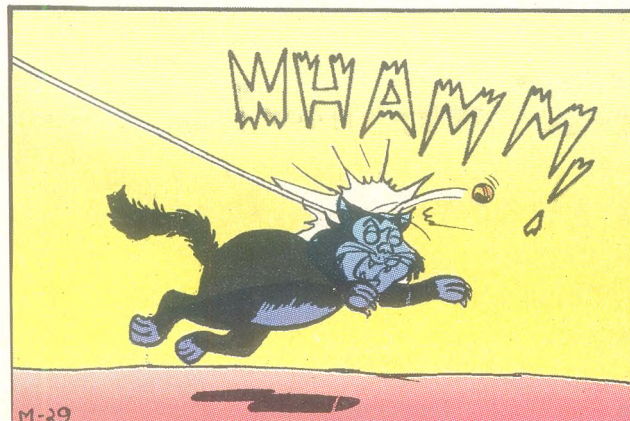
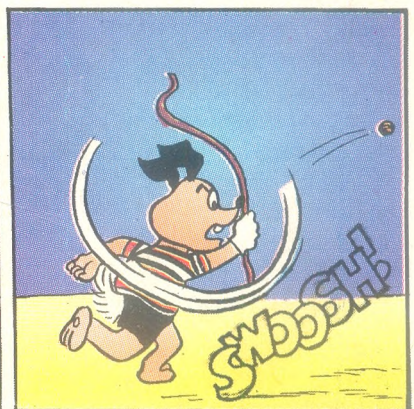
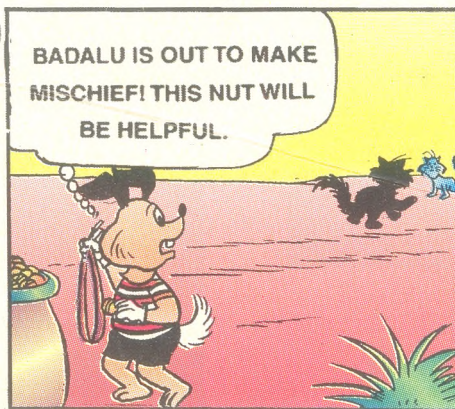
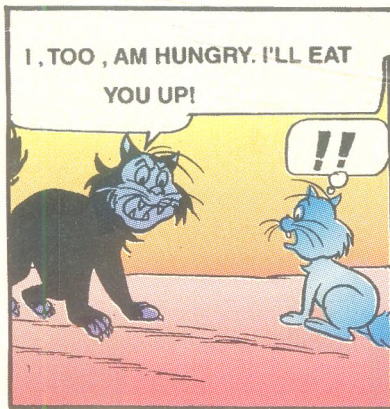
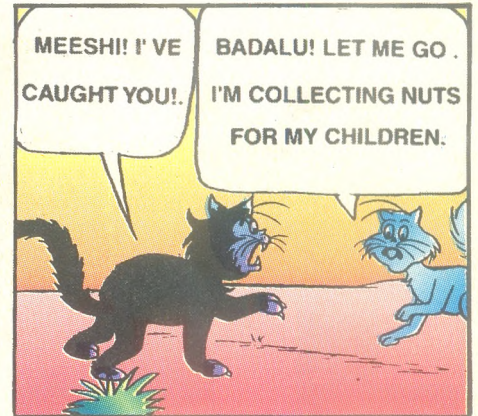
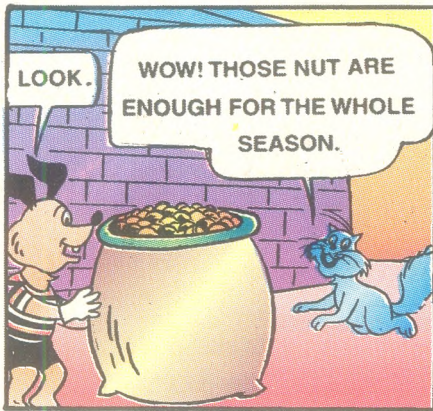
Friends,

This column is specially designed to help you in solving your problems about your career. Without any hesitation write to us about your problems. Please send a self addressed duly stamped envelope too.

-Editor









MIRROR MIRROR ON THE WALL



Suparna Trikha



I don't have a dark complexion but a wheatish one. I want to have a fairer complexion. Please suggest a remedy.

ANITA SINGH, DHANBAD.

What is really important is not how light or dark your complexion is but whether it actually glows or not. I have seen the fairest of complexions look dull and lifeless and I have seen some of the darkest of women's skins glow with an inner happiness which comes with constant care and routine skin programmes.

To improve your complexion you can take ten ground almonds and mix in two tsp of sandalwood powder and mix with lemon juice, orange juice, mashed papaya and a little milk. Apply this fruity mask on the face and leave it at least for twenty minutes. wash off with ice cold water and pat dry. This should be done on alternate days so you can make the pack and keep it in the fridge.



I am a 27 years old girl having an extremely sensitive skin. I benefitted from using rose water. I would like to know whether I can make rose water at home.

How long can I store it?

DISHA AHLUWALIA, CHANDIGARH

Rose water is usually made from the distillation process commercially. However at home you can boil about two kilos of rose petals in about five litres of water on a slow fire. Be sure to cover the container. When the water turns to half the quantity, remove from heat and let it cool. Strain and keep it in an airtight container in the fridge. This can be kept safely for at least three weeks.

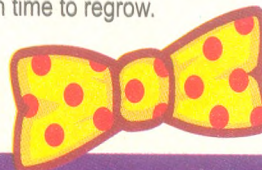
Wipe your skin regularly with this lotion and see your skin glow. Be careful when choosing the petals that there are no rose buds in the pile as this will give a very different fragrance.

I am a 22 years old girl and would like to know if waxing my facial hair (Upper lip and chin) more often is harmful for the skin. How often should one wax? I do it every three weeks or so.

RUCHITA PURI, N. DELHI

No, waxing is not harmful if done in these areas. It is a safe and effective way of hair removal and can be done very easily and efficiently, even at home with the help of cold wax or you can make your own wax with lemon, sugar and some pure honey which helps leave the skin super soft.

Once in three weeks is fine by any standard as any normal growth of hair will take that much time to regrow.



I am a 22 years old suffering from tremendous hair loss. My problem began three years ago when there was a change in water supply in our area. I've applied warm coconut oil twice a week and shampoo afterwards but they have not stopped falling. Please advise.

ALOKA MENON, BANGALORE

It is unfortunate that you have left the problem unattended for three years. I would advise you to change the oil to almond and castor oil mixed together in equal quantities. Besides this have a high protein diet with plenty of dairy products and lean meats. Use a home made hair pack once a week with the following ingredients: amla powder, shikakai powder, reetha powder, fenugreek seed powder, Mix these ingredients with two eggs and apply to the scalp and leave on for at least half an hour. Shampoo off. The use of henna is definitely beneficial to the hair and makes the hair thick and lustrous.

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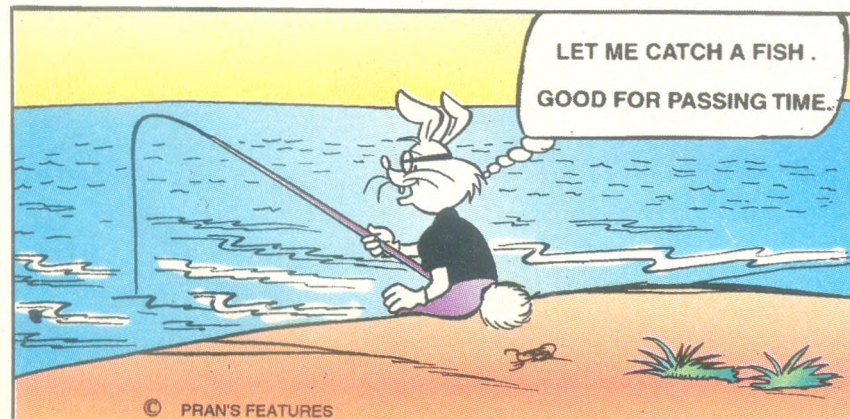
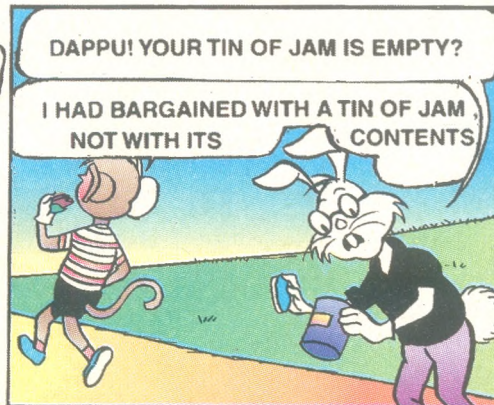
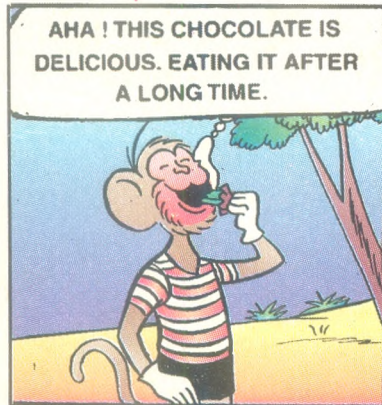
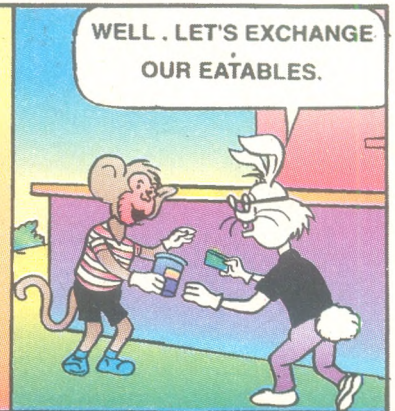
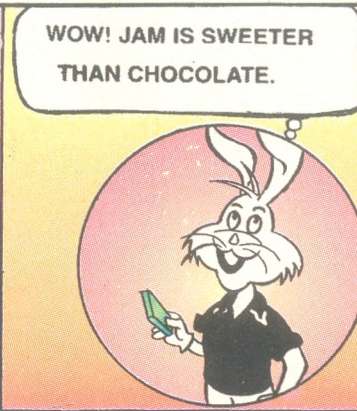
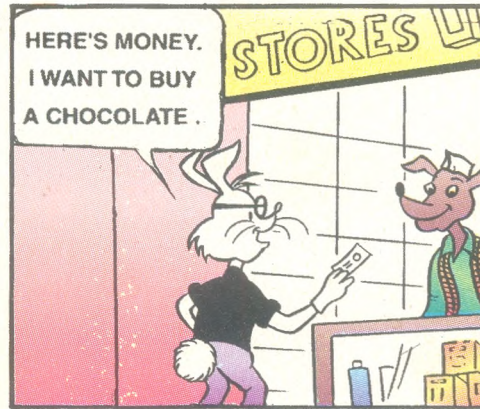
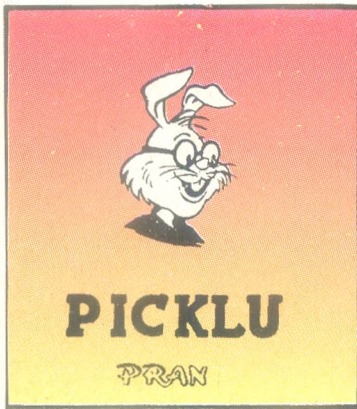
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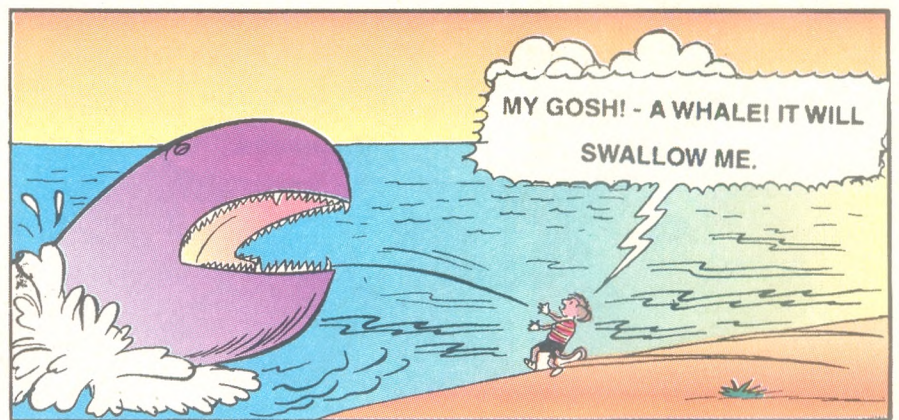
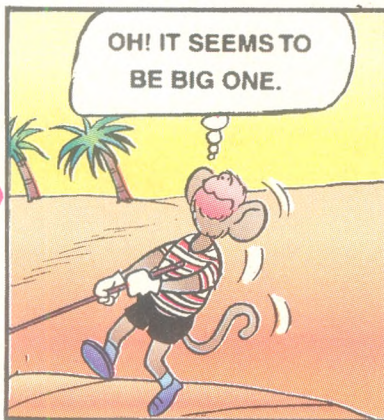
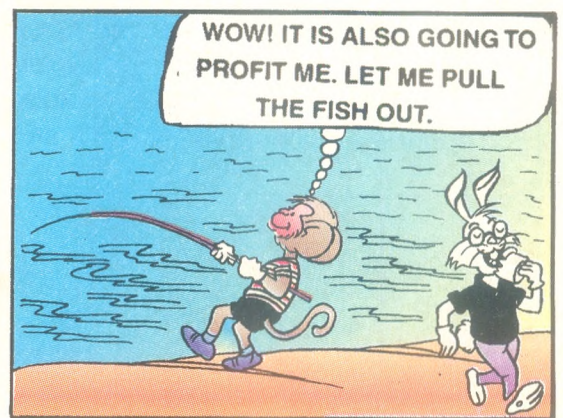
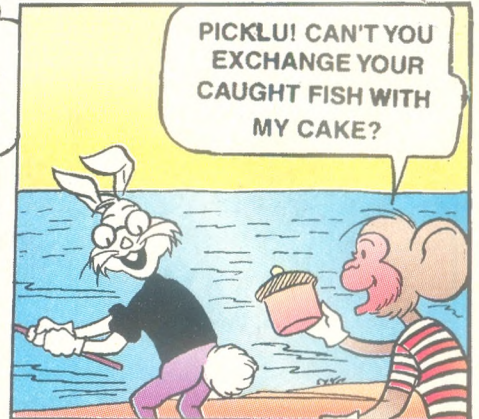
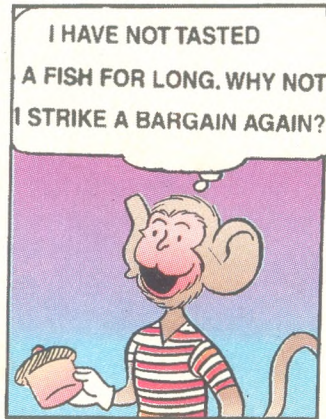
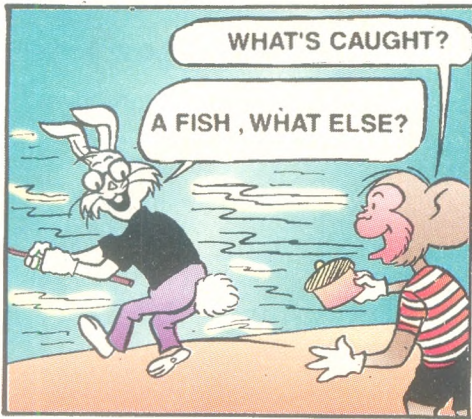
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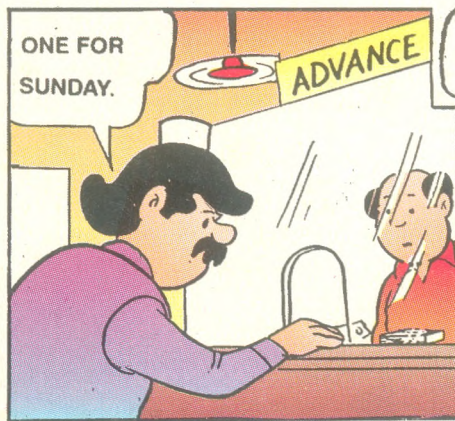
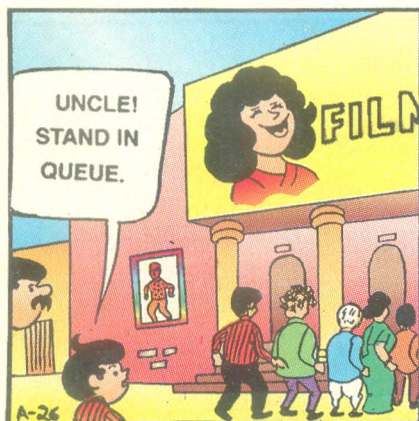
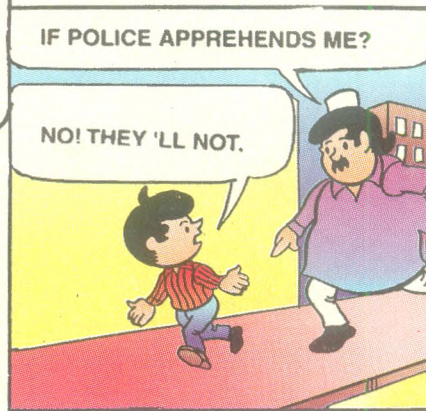
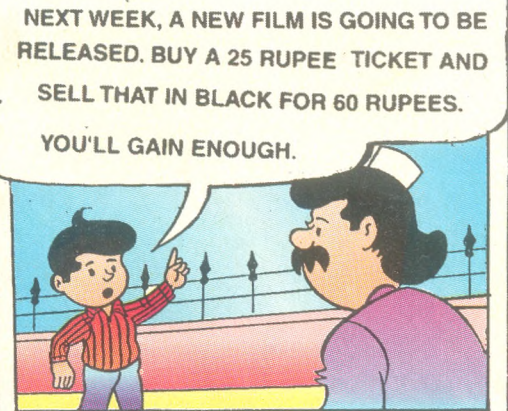
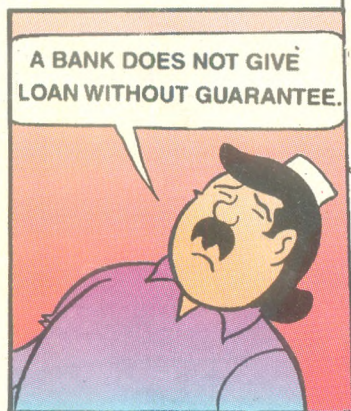
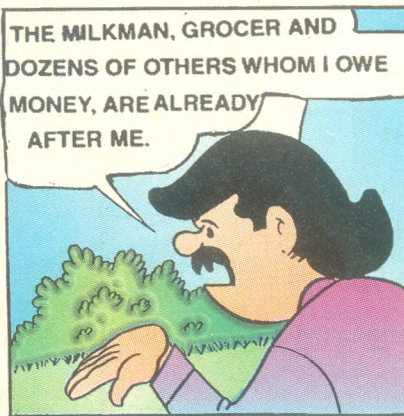
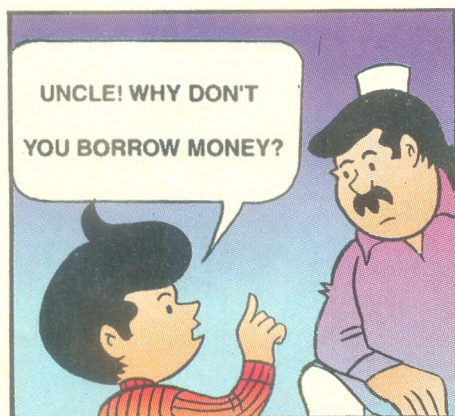
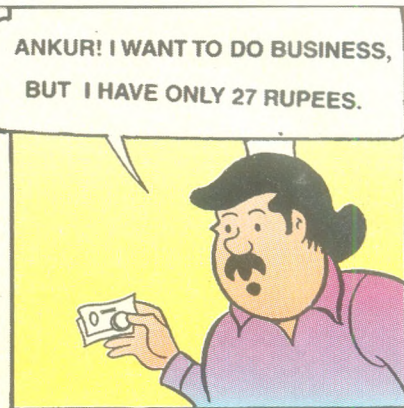
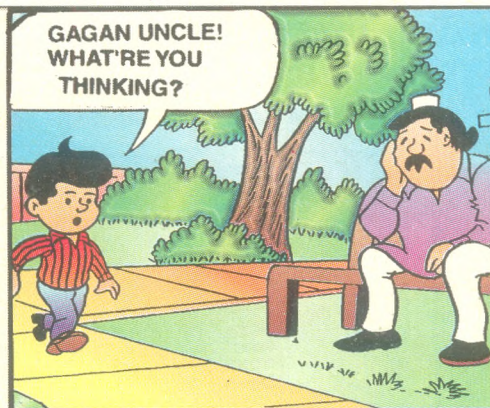
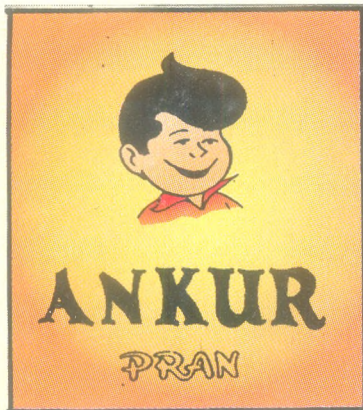
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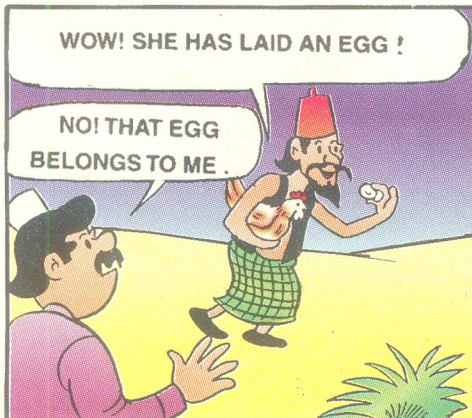
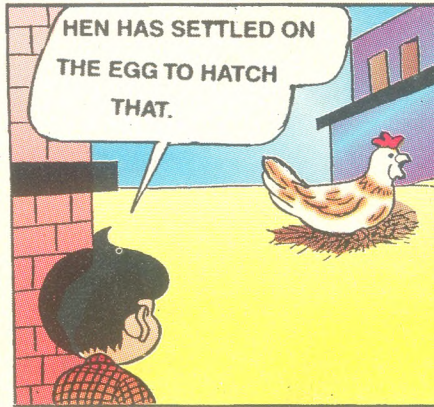
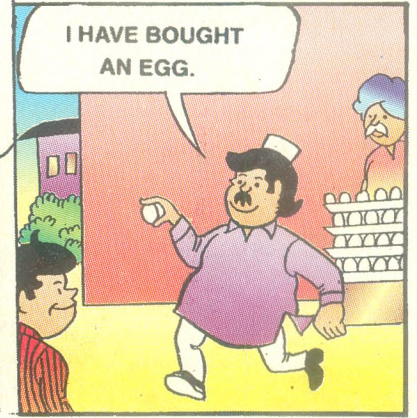
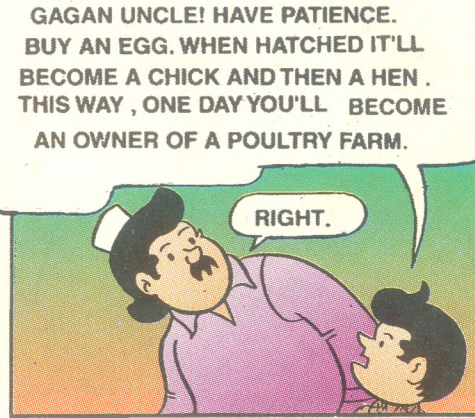
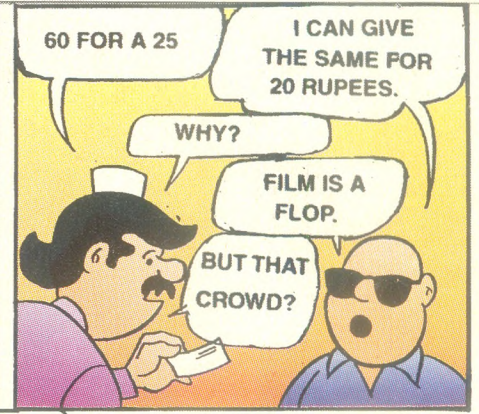
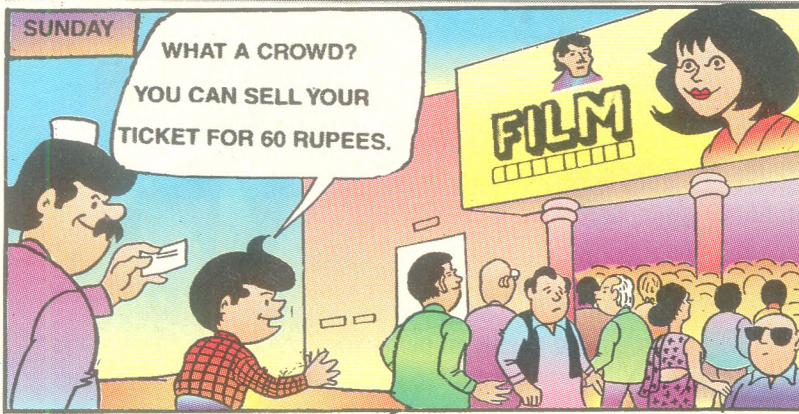
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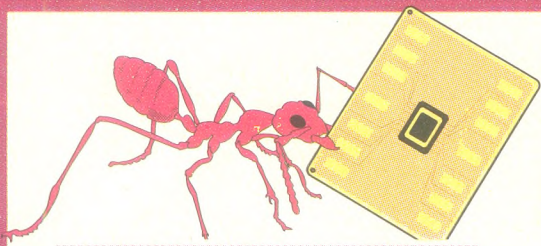
It is a piece of equipment in a computer system that is not actually inside the computer itself. Computer peripherals include the keyboard, visual display unit, printer, floppy disks, cables and manuals.

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It is a way of sending and receiving messages using a computer or computers on a network. A computer, modem or network connection and an e-mail address are needed if you want to use electronic mail. E-mail is suitable as you can send or receive messages at once over long distances also.

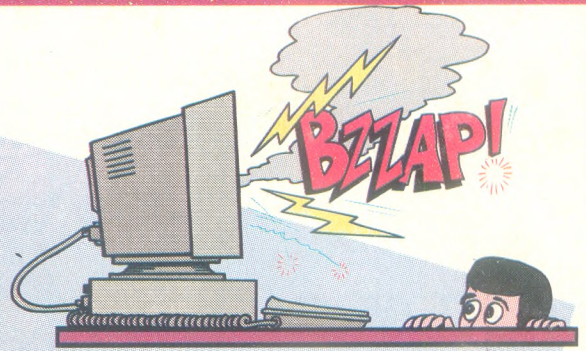
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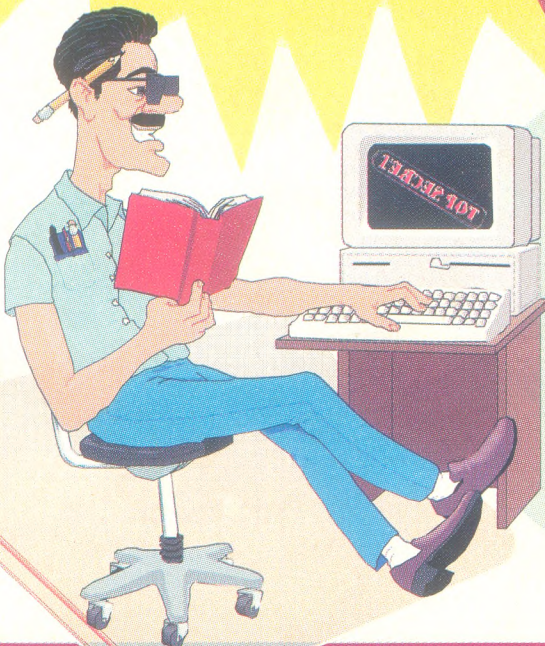
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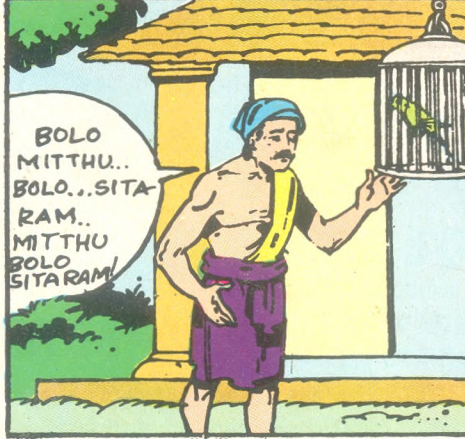


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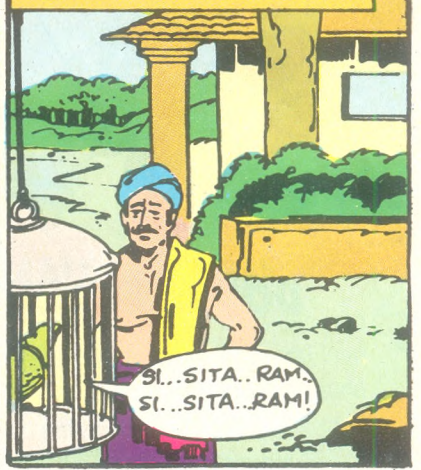
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BIRBAL AND THE PARROT OF SAI

ONE SAI USED TO TEACH HIS PAT PARROT HOW TO SPEAK AND THEN HE'D SELL IT TO SOME REPUTED PERSON.



THE CAGED PARROT PRATTLED



SAI WAS DELIGHTED TO FIND HIS EFFORTS BEARING FRUITS.



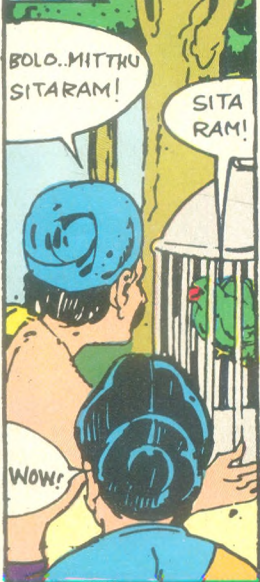
HIS WIFE BECAME HAPPY TOO —



RUNNING, SHE REACHED NEAR HER HUSBAND —



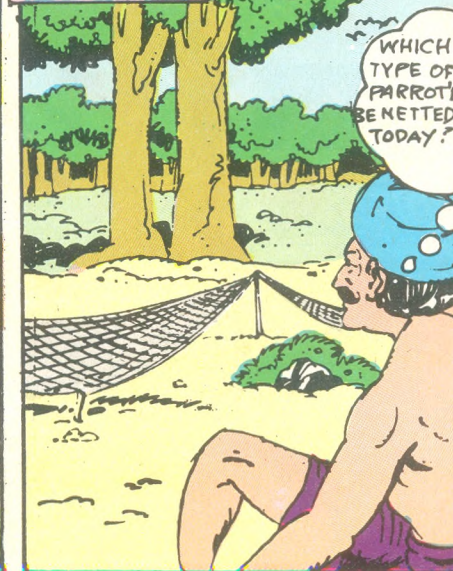
SAI AGAIN SAID TO THE PARROT—



SAI AND HIS WIFE WERE ECSTATIC SAI SAID —

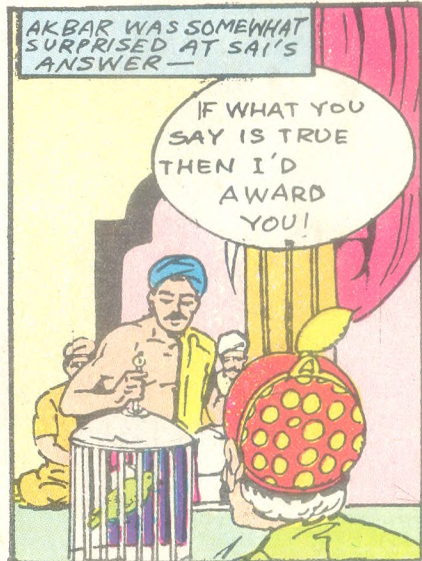
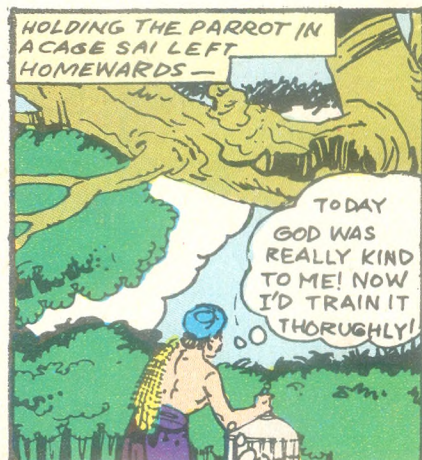
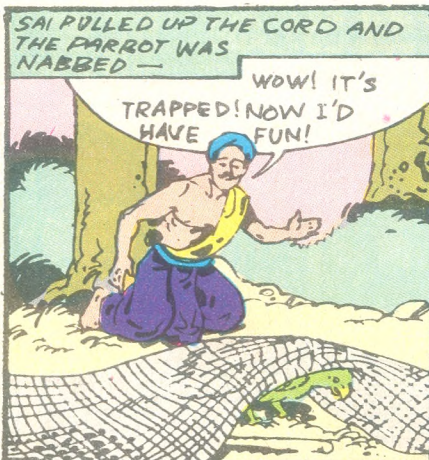


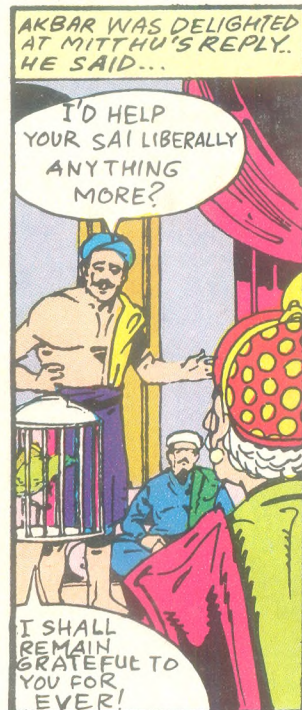
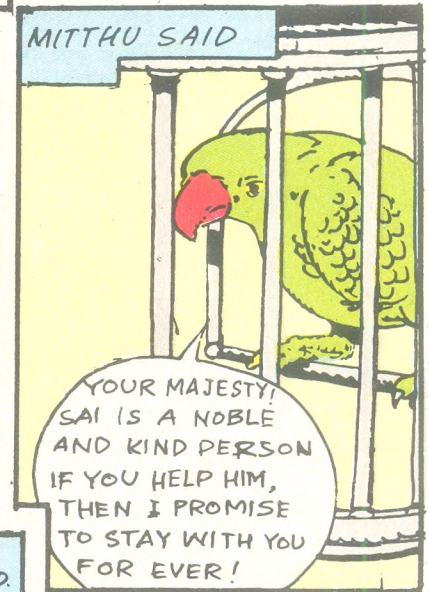
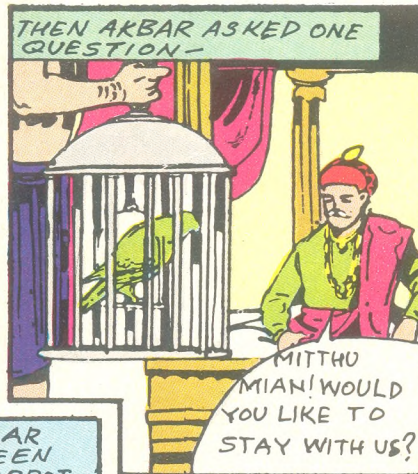
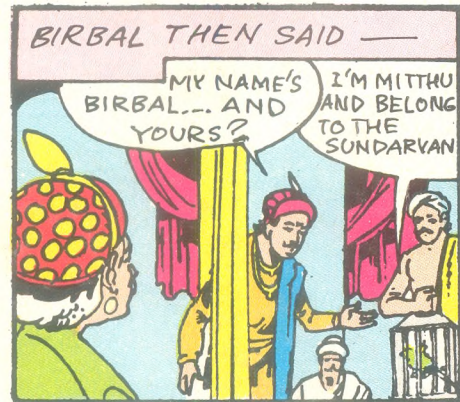
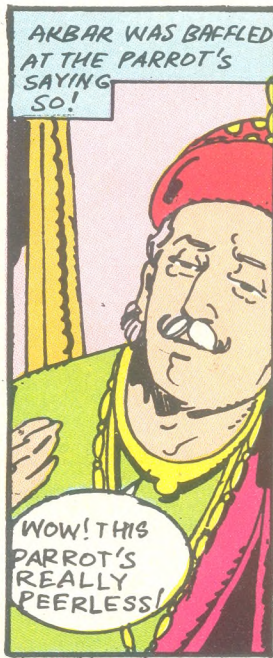
AFTER MANY DAYS SAI AGAIN WENT TO THE WOODS TO TRAP A PARROT. HE LAID HIS SMALL NET AND SAT DOWN.



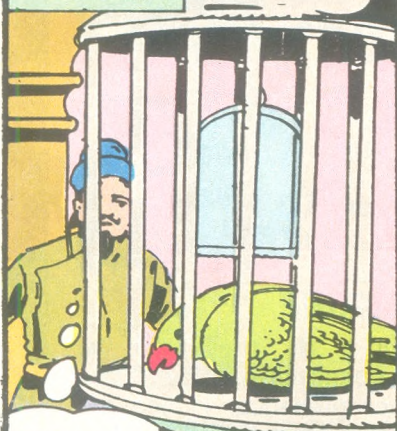
SOON HE SPOTTED A BEAUTIFUL PARROT NEAR HIS NET. HE BEGAN TO PRAY —







AFTER SOME TIME THAT PARROT MYSTERIOUSLY DIED. WHEN THE SERVANT SAW IT, HE GREW PANICKY -



OH MY GOD! HOW IT DIED? NOW I CAN'T SURVIVE?

POOR SERVANT BECAME NERVOUS... HE RUSHED TO BIRBAL -



BIRBAL JI... PLEASE SAVE ME! OR ELSE I'D DIE UNTIMELY!

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

THE SERVANT TOLD BIRBAL THE FULL DETAILS. THEN BIRBAL ASSURED HIM -



DON'T WORRY, I'D SAVE YOU!

YOU ARE MY ONLY SUCCOUR BIRBAL JI!

WHEN THE SERVANT DEPARTED, BIRBAL REACHED NEAR AKBAR



YOUR PARROT IS A WONDER, BIRD....

WHAT'S THE MATTER BIRBAL? IS THE PARROT DEAD?

BIRBAL QUICKLY SAID -



NOT IT'S NOT DEAD... YOUR PARROT HAS GONE IN MEDITATION..!



RIGHT SINCE MORNING IT HAS NEITHER EATEN ANY THING NOR DRUNK ANY WATER...

HEARING THIS AKBAR WENT TO THE PARROT ALONG WITH BIRBAL -



ARRE! IT'S DEAD! WHY DID YOU TROUBLE ME BY BRINGING ME HERE?

BIRBAL REPLIED VERY RESPECTFULLY -



YOUR MAJESTY! HAD I SAID SO, I'D HAVE LOST MY LIFE!

EMPEROR AKBAR RECOLLECTED HIS ORDER AND BEGAN TO LAUGH.



OH! I SEE! HO-HO-HO!

VASTU SCIENTIFIC SECRET OF SWASTIK



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We find the presence of 'Swastik sign' first of all in Vastu and all religious practices and activities. Not only the Hindus, but all the religions of the world, have accepted this sign which is most auspicious and pure. Why is it like this? What is special in this Swastik sign after all? What is its scientific ground? Is it enamoured to think of it in this scientific age? Let us give thought to the subject.

1. ELECTRONIC THEORY

In mathematics the + sign is supposed to be positive. According to science the meeting point, of two negatives of different power, is called positive which is the cause for the birth of new power. Hence, Apbhransh (the fallen and broken shape), of Swastik sign, is symbol of power and prosperity.

2. SYMBOL OF EVIDENCE (PRESENCE)

In Jain Dharma and Pali language, this is associated with the name 'Sakshi' (eye-witness). On going to the derivation of word from roots this means 'Sakshiyo Karmah' i.e., which is present as evidence in every pious and auspicious work.

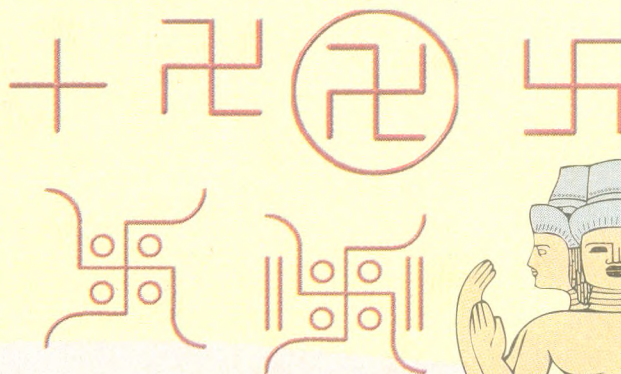
The 'Apbhransha' or diluted and broken pronunciation of 'Sakshiyon' was later distorted, as 'Sakhiyon or sakiyon in course of time and is now used at many place in colloquial language.

3. SWASTIK MEANS FORTUNE.

The word 'Swastik' is made up of 'Su' (prefix) and the element 'Us' 'Su' means good, beneficial, excellent, lucky and 'Us' means existence, or presence. Hence the meaning of Swastik is existence or presence of luck and benefit, presence of auspicious atmosphere. Where 'Shri' (bliss) is present, beauty is present; fraternity, happiness and prosperity is present; aesthetic sense and beauty of life is present, there exists the sense of 'Swastik'. In Swastik symbol is hidden the essence of world development. Swastik sign is the symbol of ancient religious fortune for the development of human beings.

Swastik is a sign of peace, prosperity and fortune. Many ladies perform Swastik Vrat (fasting) during 'Chaturmasya' (four months). There is no fear, of widowhood on worshipping daily in the temple by making Swastik with 'Ashtadal' (eight flanks). Such a story is described in padmpurana.

This is the reason, Swastik is shown during marriage so that the couple remain friendly and beloved throughout life. The infant is made to sleep on the cloth, with Swastik sign, on the 6th day from birth. This leads the infant to get a Swastik field in his life. Newly married girls, in Shrimali Brahmana family use 'Oran' (a type of cloth) with Swastik'. Swastik sign is painted with beautiful colour on every door of the houses in Gujarat. The philosophy behind this is that all the things--rain, cloth and prosperity when dawn in the house, will lead to being pious, and the guest, arriving in their house come with good news.





6. SWASTIK--SYMBOL OF LORD SHIVA'S POWER

The upright (vertical) line indicates the Swambhoo (self-birth) Jyotirling (lustrous phallus). This Shiva phallus is the root cause for the birth of the world. The horizontal line of swastik represent the stretch and extension of world. With the addition of Shiva and power, this creation has been extended. Hence the root philosophy of this Swastik sign is also acceptable.




7. SWASTIK IS SYMBOL OF LORD VISHNU AND BLISS

The four sides of Swastik are the four hands of Lord Vishnu. Lord Vishnu nourishes the four directions with four hands in Swastik shape. The middle point of Swastik, which is the place of Nabhikamal (navel like lotus) of Lord Vishnu, is the place of Brahma. The image of universe, the creation of the (Shristi) is reflected in this sentimental symbol. Swasti is symbol of 'Shri' (bliss). This 'Shri' is the symbolic sign of Lord Vishnu and the Goddess of wealth, Laxmi. In Fig. No. 5, Swastik is made for Laxmi. In Fig No. 5, Swastik is made for Laxmi Upasana (worship). Shrikamana (desire for bliss).



8. SYMBOL OF GANPATI (LORD GANESHA)

Swastik sign is the symbolic form of compound shape of Ganapati. 'Tantricism', cult of Mahayan sect of Buddha religion (Buddism) has accepted the worship of 'Swastik' is symbolic form of 'Vinayak' (Lord Ganesha). It is worshiped as 'Haremb' in Nepal. The people of Greece worship Ganesha by name of 'Orenus'. Orenus has got importance in their ancient books. Sri Ganeshji is called 'Laxashindhu vadan' according to Hindu religious books, which takes an extremely deep red vermillion colour like lac (red dye).




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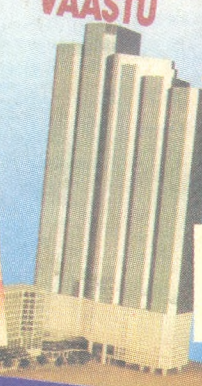
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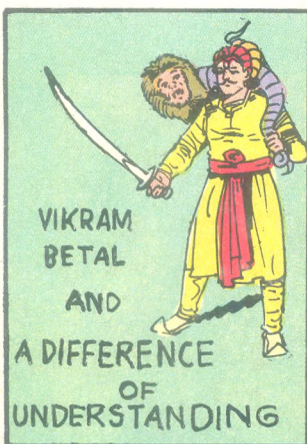


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VIKRAM
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AS SOON AS KING VIKRAM PICKS UP BETAL FROM THE 'SIRAS' TREE AND GOES AHEAD, BETAL SPEAKS UP -

YOU ARE GREAT KING! LEAVING THE PALACE COMFORTS BEHIND YOU'RE ROAMING IN THE SINISTER GRAVEYARD JUST TO KEEP A PROMISE

YOU HAVE BEEN MISLEAD BY THE FRAUD YOGI AND YOU YOURSELF ARE STURBORN. O.K. I'LL TELL YOU A STORY. THE CONDITION IS SAME IF YOU SPEAK WHILE I NARRATE THEN..

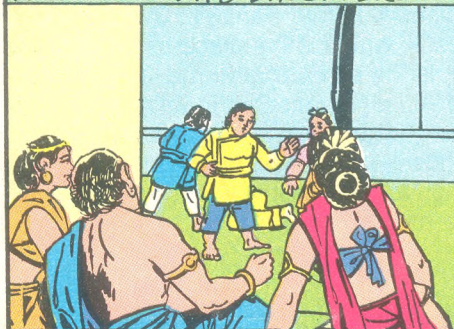
I'LL GO BACK TO THE TREE!

THE STORY BEGAN -

KING OF JUSTICE ABHAYSINGH WAS THE RULER OF SAMARPUR MANY YEARS AGO.



ABHAYSINGH HAD TWO WIVES, WHO GAVE BIRTH TO TWO PAIR OF TWINS, RESPECTIVELY. THE ELDER GAVE BIRTH TO TWO SONS AND THE YOUNGER TO TWO DAUGHTERS -



AS THE CHILDREN COME OF AGE -

YOUR MAJESTY, YOU SHOULD THINK OF YOUR DAUGHTERS' MARRIAGE NOW. TAKE NOTE THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR ANYONE IN THIS WORLD TO EQUAL THEM IN BEAUTY QUALITIES.

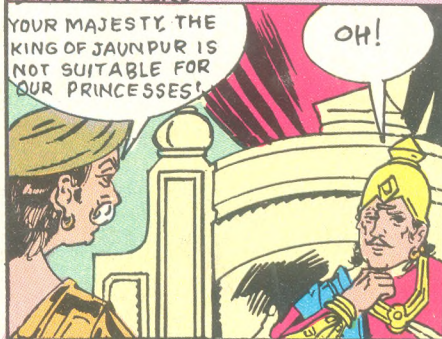
THAT'S ALLRIGHT, BUT IF WE MARRY OUR SONS, FIRST THEN WE WILL HAVE TWO DAUGHTER-IN-LAWS. SO WHEN OUR DAUGHTERS LEAVE THIS PALACE WON'T SEEM EMPTY.



THEN THE PRINCES GOT MARRIED TO TWO BEAUTIFUL PRINCESSES OF DIFFERENT STATES IN A LAVISH MANNER.



ABHAYSINGH WAS WORRIED REGARDING THE SELECTION OF THE TWO GROOMS FOR HIS DAUGHTERS -



YOUR MAJESTY, THE KING OF JAINPUR IS NOT SUITABLE FOR OUR PRINCESSES!

OH!

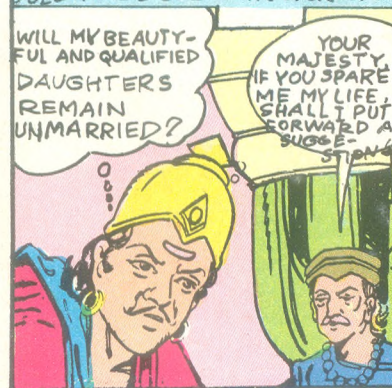
THE KING THEN SENT HIS MESSENGERS ALL OVER WORLD. BUT THEY RETURNED IN VAIN -

YOUR MAJESTY, THE PRINCE OF ABHAYGARH IS HANDSOME BUT NOT A SUITABLE MATCH FOR OUR PRINCESSES!

OH! YOU TELL ME RATANSINGH, I HAD SENT YOU TO MEET THE SEVEN PRINCES OF VEERGARH! PLEASE FORGIVE ME SIR, BUT THEY ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR OUR PRINCESSES



NOW ALL ABHAYSINGH'S TIME USED TO BE SPEND IN WORRY -



WILL MY BEAUTIFUL AND QUALIFIED DAUGHTERS REMAIN UNMARRIED?

YOUR MAJESTY, IF YOU SPARE ME MY LIFE, I SHALL PUT FORWARD A SUGGESTION



YES-YES DO SAY MANTRIJE!

ORGANISE A SWAYAMVAR YOUR MAJESTY!

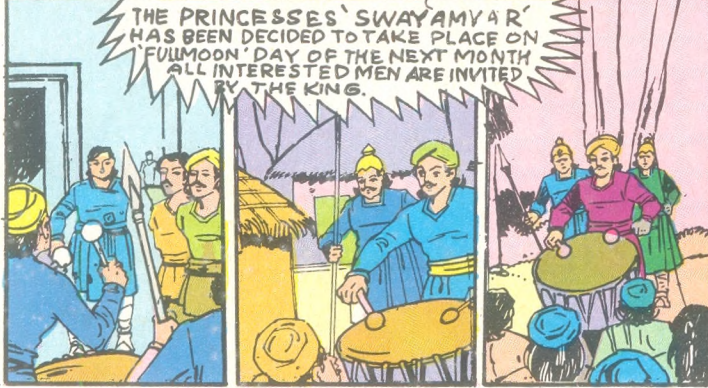


ANNOUNCE IN ALL THE STATES THAT WITHOUT ANY DISCRIMINATION, ALL MEN INTERESTED IN MARRYING THE TWO PRINCESSES ARE INVITED TO THEIR 'SWAYAMVAR'.

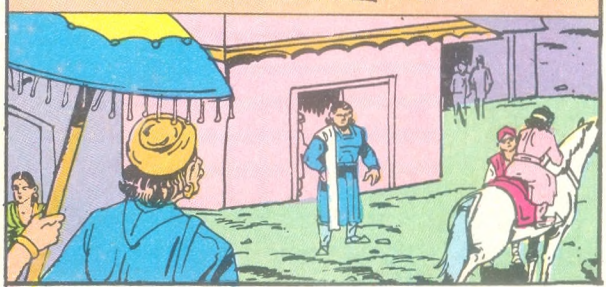
AS WHAT-EVER IS WRITTEN IN THEIR DESTINY WILL TAKE PLACE THEREFORE I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO YOUR SUGGESTION.

BY THE ORDERS OF THE KING THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE ALL OVER —

THE PRINCESSES 'SWAYAMVAR' HAS BEEN DECIDED TO TAKE PLACE ON 'FULLMOON' DAY OF THE NEXT MONTH ALL INTERESTED MEN ARE INVITED BY THE KING.



KINGS, PRINCES, RICHMEN AND COMMON MEN FROM ALL OVER CAME TO ATTEND THE SWAYAMVAR. THEY WERE LOOKED AFTER IN THE SAME MANNER REGARDLESS OF THEIR STATUS —



THE PRIME MINISTER ON A STAGE ON THE DAY OF SWAYAMVAR —

THE FIRST CONDITION APPLIES TO THOSE MEN WHO POSSESS HORSES! THE TWO MEN WHO BRING TWO STATE FLAGS FLYING 40 MILES SOUTH OF HERE ON A SHIV TEMPLE WILL BE DECLARED WINNERS.



THE SECOND CONDITION APPLIES TO MEN WITHOUT HORSES! THE TWO MEN WHO GET THE STATE FLAGS FLYING 20 MILES SOUTH FROM HERE WILL BE...

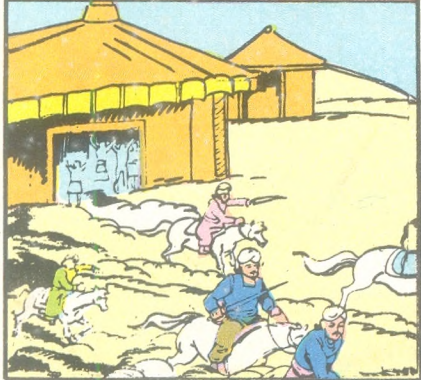
DECLARED WINNERS.



FROM THESE FOUR MEN WE HAVE TO CHOOSE TWO FOR THIS PURPOSE IN THE MIDDLE OF A POND A POLE HAS BEEN FIXED ON WHICH A DUMMY FISH IS STUCK. THE MEN MUST STRIKE THE FISH'S EYE!



THE HORSEMEN STARTED FIRST.

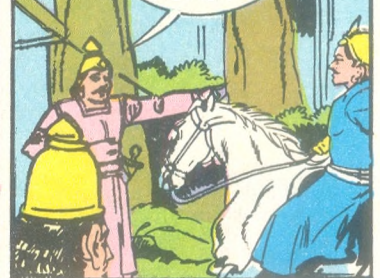


THEN REMAINED THOSE POOR MEN WHO DIDN'T HAVE HORSES. ON SIGNAL THEY TOO STARTED.



THE STATE GUARDS SHOWING THE WAY TO MEN GOING TOWARDS THE TEMPLE.

PLEASE TURN TO YOUR RIGHT FROM HERE!

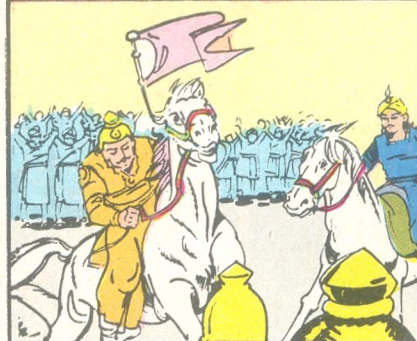


SIMILARLY STATE GUARDS SHOWING THE WAY TO MEN ON FOOT —

PLEASE TURN TO YOUR LEFT FROM HERE!



THE VICTORIOUS HORSEMEN CARRYING THE STATE FLAGS REACHED THE GROUNDS FIRST —



KING ABHAYSINGH WELCOMING THEM HIMSELF ASKED THEIR IDENTITIES

I'M KING GAJENDRA SINGH OF SUMANGARH!

I'M COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF VINAYPUR, BHIMRAV!



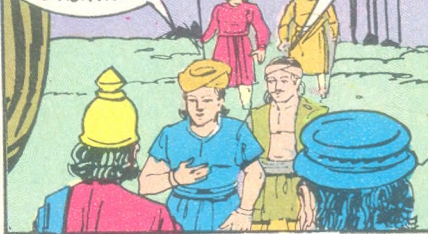
THE VICTORIOUS MEN ON FOOT CAME



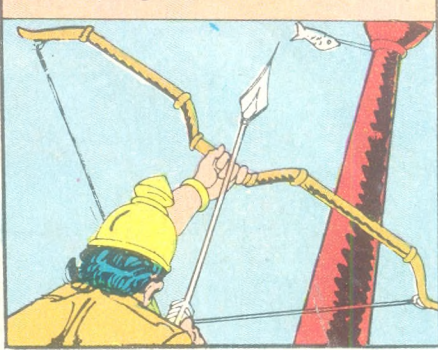
WELCOMING THEM IN SIMILAR MANNER ABHAYSINGH ASKED THEM THEIR IDENTITY-

YOUR MAJESTY, I'M THE SON OF A POOR FARMER BELONGING TO YOUR STATE ONLY. MY NAME IS VIJAY KUMAR

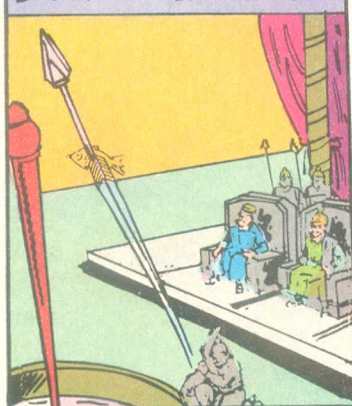
SIR, I'M AJAY KUMAR, THE SON OF A BLACKSMITH BELONGING TO YOUR STATE ONLY!



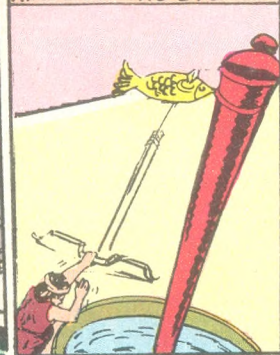
KING GAJENDRA SINGH'S NAME WAS DRAWN AS THE FIRST PARTICIPANT FOR THE LAST GAME -



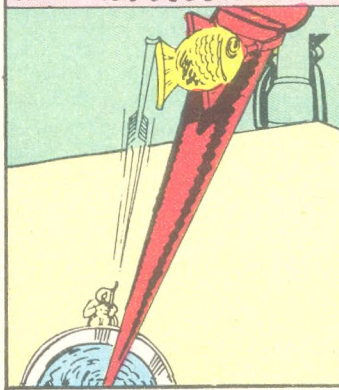
BUT HE MISSED THE EYE -



THE SECOND PARTICIPANT SON OF BLACKSMITH AJAYSINGH WAS SUCCESSFUL IN AIMING THROUGH THE EYE -

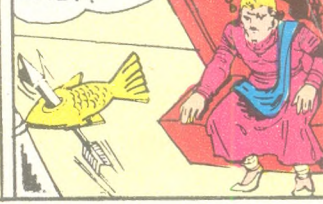


COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, THE THIRD PARTICIPANT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL -



THEN CAME THE TURN OF THE FARMER SON VIJAY KUMAR, WHO TOO WAS SUCCESSFUL -

SURPRISING, THE ONES WHOM I WAS SEARCHING FOR AROUND THE WORLD THOSE HANDSOME AND QUALIFIED MEN WERE IN THIS STATE ONLY!



THE KING ORDERED HIS PRIME MINISTER IMMEDIATELY

PLEASE TAKE THEM IN A PRINCELY MANNER TO THE PALACE, PRIME-MINISTER



NOW IT WAS UP TO BOTH THE PRINCESSES AS WHO SHOULD GARLAND WHOM -

WHOM SHOULD I GARLAND?

BOTH ARE VERY HANDSOME!



AFTER WHISPERING AMONG THEMSELVES BOTH TOOK A DECISION WHICH THE ELDER PRINCESS INFORMED TO THE YOUTHS -

AS BOTH OF YOU ARE EQUALLY HANDSOME THE REFORE IN ORDER TO DECIDE WHO SHOULD MARRY WHOM, WE HAVE KEPT A CONDITION STARTING FROM THE PALACE AT SUNSET...

TOMORROW, WHOEVER REACHES 'HAYAMAHAH' IN THE SOUTH FIRST, WILL BE GARLANDED BY ME AND THE OTHER BY MY SISTER WE WILL REACH THERE BEFORE YOU.

WE AGREE!



BUT ABHAYSINGH STOPS THEM

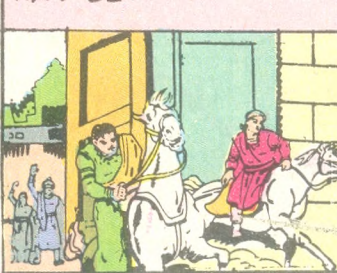
STOP! THE ONE WHO REACHES 'HAYAMAHAH' FIRST WILL BE MADE THE KING OF TWO HUNDRED VILLAGES EAST OF THIS STATE!



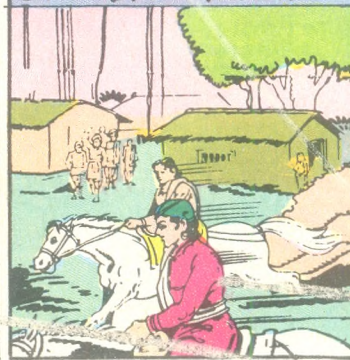
AND THE ONE WHO REACHES SECOND WILL BE GIVEN HIS DESIRED POST IN THIS KING'S COURT! SO BOTH MY DAUGHTERS REMAIN HAPPY!



BOTH PRINCES NOW WANTED TO ACQUIRE THE TWO HUNDRED VILLAGES AT SUNSET THEY MOUNTED THEIR HORSES AND SET OUT -



BOTH HAD TO GO ON THE SAME ROAD AND TO THE SAME DESTINATION -



SOON AFTER AJAY-SINGH LEFT VIJAYKUMAR FAR BEHIND AND ENTERED THE DEEP WOODS—
THESE ARE DEEP WOODS I SHOULD NOT LOOSE MY WAY... LET ME ENQUIRE AT THAT COTTAGE!



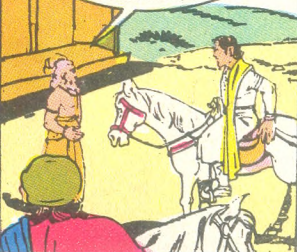
HE FOUND A SAINT IN THE COTTAGE—

BABA... IS THIS THE WAY TO HAVAMAHA?

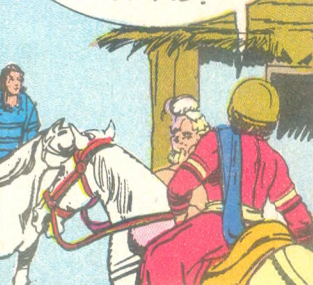
YES, SON! THIS IS ONE OF THE WAYS WHICH IS SMALL!



BUT ALTHOUGH IT IS SMALL IT TAKES A LONGER TIME TO REACH HAVAMAHA. THERE IS ANOTHER WAY WHICH IS LONGER BY SEVEN-EIGHT MILES. IT IS NOW UP TO YOU TO CHOOSE THE WAY!



ONLY A FOOL WILL CHOOSE THE LONGER WAY. I'M GOING ON THIS SMALL ROAD!



VIJAYKUMAR TOO REACHED THERE AFTER SOME TIME, HE ASKED THE SAME QUESTION TO THE SAINT—

BUT BEING SMALL IT TAKES A LONGER TIME TO REACH HAVAMAHA!

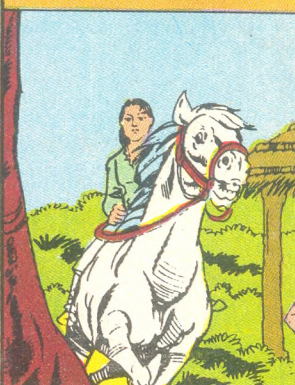


AND THE OTHER ROAD WOULD REACH HAVAMAHA EARLIER THOUGH IT IS SEVEN-EIGHT MILES LONGER. THE MAN WHO HAD COME BEFORE YOU HAS GONE THE SMALL WAY.

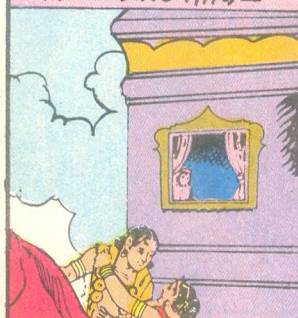


AFTER THINKING FOR SOME TIME VIJAY UNDERSTOOD THE MYSTERY BEHIND THE SAINT'S WORDS AND SMILED

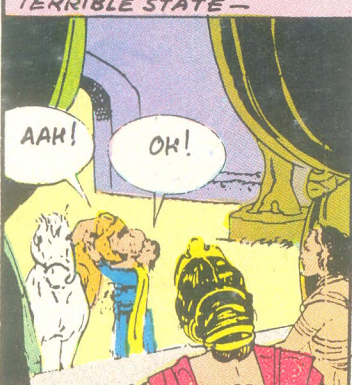
THEN HE STARTED ON THE LONG WAY—



DESPITE TRAVELLING SEVEN-EIGHT MILES EXTRA HE REACHED HAVAMAHA FIRST WHERE RASHMI RECEIVED HIM BY GARLANDING HIM—



AJAY REACHED VERY LATE IN THE EVENING IN A TERRIBLE STATE—



BETAL STOPS AT THIS POINT AND ASKS KING VIKRAM—

WHAT WAS THE MYSTERY BEHIND THE SAINT'S WORD, KING THAT AJAY COULD NOT REACH HAVAMAHA FIRST DESPITE TRAVELLING ON THE SMALL ROAD? IF KNOWING THE ANSWER YOU DON'T SPEAK I'LL BREAK YOUR HEAD.

THERE WAS NO MYSTERY BEHIND THE SAINT'S WORDS IT WAS ONLY A DIFFERENCE OF UNDERSTANDING



IT WAS CLEAR THROUGH THE SAINT'S WORDS THAT THE SMALLER WAY HAD MANY OBSTRUCTIONS, WILD ANIMALS, QUICK SAND, CACTUS ETC. WHICH HINDERED THE PEOPLE FROM TRAVELLING FAST. WHERE AS THE LONGER WAY WAS CLEAR SO PEOPLE TRAVELLED FASTER!



YOU'RE RIGHT, KING! AJAYSINGH WAS ALSO OBSTRUCTED BY SUCH WILD ANIMALS, PLANTS ETC. AND SO REACHED THE PALACE IN A TERRIBLE STATE



LATER IN THE PALACE

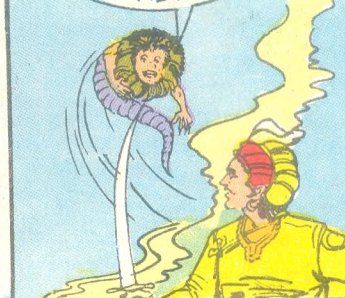
I WAS WRONG IN TAKING THE SMALLER WAY TO REACH HERE EARLIER I SOME HOW MANAGED TO SAVE MYSELF AND REACH HERE SAFELY.

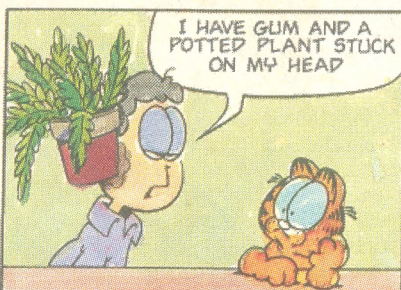
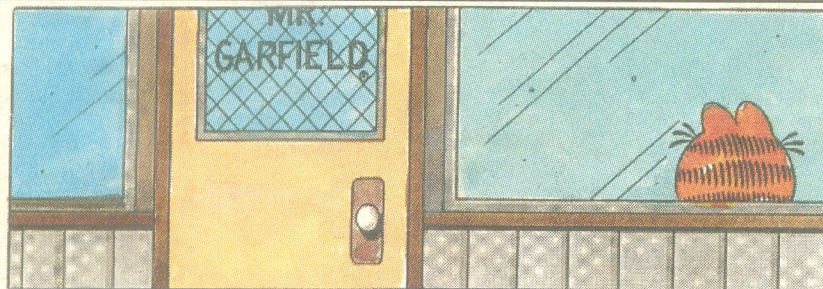
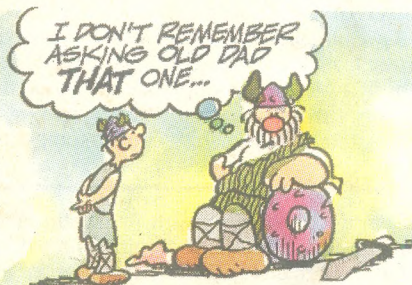
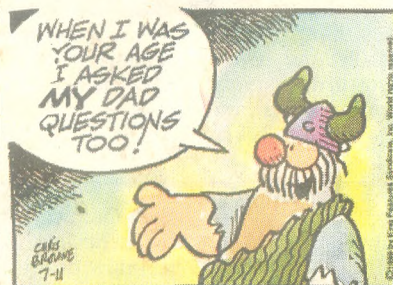
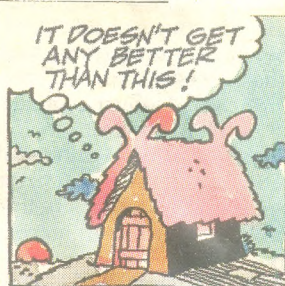
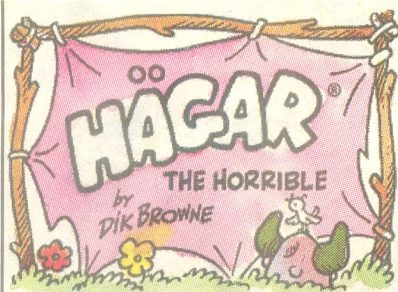


SO THIS IS THE CONDITION OF PEOPLE WHO DO NOT THINK DEEPLY BEFORE TAKING A DECISION. AS FOR THOSE WHO DO THINK DEEPLY BEFORE TAKING ANY DECISION LAND UP WITH TWO HUNDRED VILLAGES!



BUT YOU HAVE BROKEN YOUR SILENCE, KING. SO I'M RETURNING TO THE SAME TREE FROM WHERE YOU PICKED ME!





Goa: The name itself is synonymous with sand, sea and surf. And the route from Mumbai to Goa by road is just as relaxing and undemanding. Hit the road at 6 a.m. and get on to the Eastern Express Highway. Taking the National Highway No. 17, cruise past the scenic and well-maintained roads of Pen, Sudhagarh, Mandgaon and Mahad.

The drive from here on takes you along the lovely Ratnagiri area from where the western coastline begins. The journey from Panvel to Chiplun ought to take you five to six hours at an easy pace of 60 kmph.

First Stop: Chiplun. This is a good place to break your journey for an overnight layover. The next morning start out at 6 a.m. Once you pass Sawantwadi the landscape changes dramatically. All activity seems to cease, except for the gentle wind that caresses the palm trees. You have arrived.

Your first impression of Goa is pretty much lasting throughout the trip; white steeples, red soil, hospitable, smiling and curious people who'll be only too happy to direct you to whichever hotel you wish to go.

There is no dearth of good hotels in Goa. From the Taj Aguada or The Village or The Hermitage to Oberoi's properties in Salsette or The Leela Beach Resort. Budget travelers have a wide choice too. A vehicle in Goa is a must. The best way to do Goa is to take each mini-city at a time.

Start with Panaji. You could stay at the Panjim Inn, a reasonably-priced heritage make-over or at GTDC's The Tourist

Hostel or the famous Mandovi Hotel, both of which overlook the serene Mandovi River.

Panjim is an easy access point from where you can drive across in 20 minutes into Old Goa, where the Basilica of St Francis Xavier and St Catherine are located. Spend half a day here. Go on to the Mangeshwar Temples. Back at Panjim, take a river launch up and down the Mandovi. The singing and dancing gives you a glimpse of the Goan life.

Day 2: Mornings are for fun. Spend half a day at Mayhem lake and take in the warm natural geysers. In the evening visit the Miramar Beach and wind your way up to Donna Paula, a popular tourist spot.

Day 3 & 4: Check in at GTDC's hotel at Mapusa, located at the main junction. Mapusa is a little town known for its famous Friday market. Yet, Mapusa should be a central point from where you can visit the various beaches in Goa.

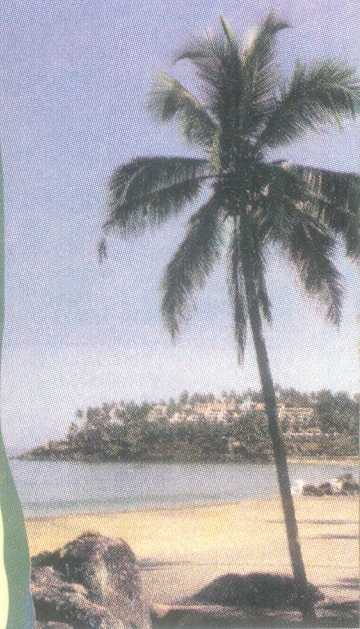
Take in the beautiful Anjuna Beach with a mock cliff to prop its landscape. Anjuna also hosts an impromptu flea market. Should you happen to come across one, consider yourself lucky.

Day 5 & 6: Check in either at the GTDC resort at Colva or the Oberoi's Bogmalo. Visit the bustling port of Vasco, spend a day in its quaint market.

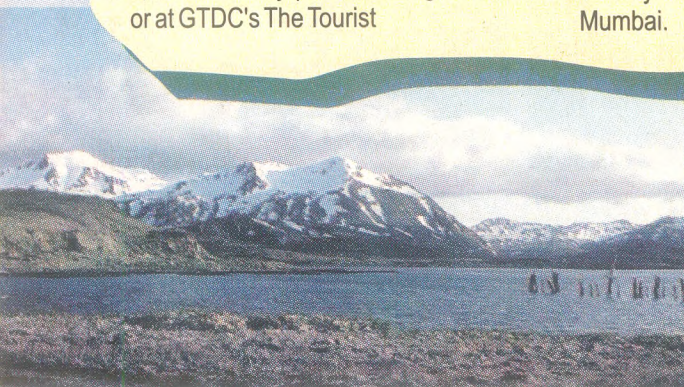
Day 7: By now you've probably appropriated a healthy tan. It's time to hit the road back to Mumbai.



Sand,
Sea
and Surf in
GOA



Anjuna Beach



Alaska: Aliutian Island

Alaska

ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE

Alaska: The best way to go to Alaska is by sea. This is how you go about it. Book your seat on a cruise in India itself, through Discover the World Marketiag Caribbean Cruise International's sole agents for India. Early bird bookings gain enviable discounts. You are flown to Vancouver from where you can take a seven-day cruise to Alaska. The schedule offers four ports of call: Juneau: The capital city of Alaska, from where helicopters take you to a glacier landing.

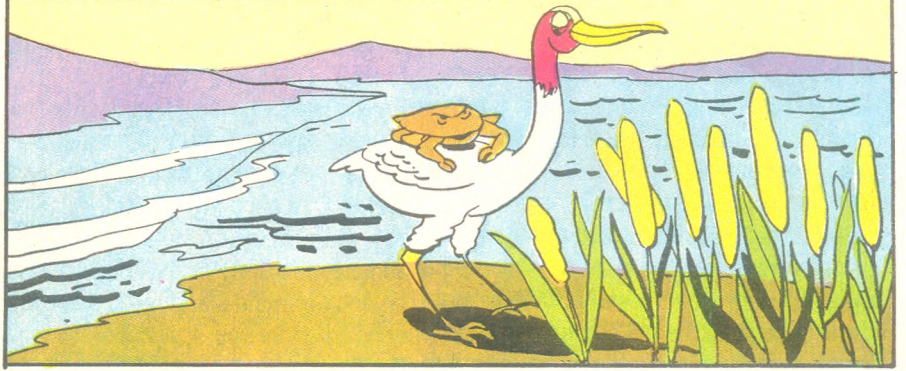
Skagway: Don't miss the White Pass and Yukon journey, described as the 'scenic railway of the world.'

Ketchikan: Salmon capital of the world. You can go salmon-fishing or whale-watching.

Haines: The prettiest town you're likely to see ever. Caribbean Cruises also treats you to a day's trip of the breathtaking Inside Passage -- an up-front journey through narrow roads where seals accompany you on your journey. It's a once in a lifetime experience.

PANCHATANTRA
ACTION WITHOUT
THOUGHT ?

A CRANE AND A CRAB WERE GOOD FRIENDS.



ONE DAY—

FRIEND, THAT
CRUEL SNAKE EATS
UP ALL OUR
EGGS.

THIS
IS VERY
SAD!



WE ARE
HELPLESS !



DO NOT
SPEAK LIKE
THIS TO A
FRIEND
LIKE ME !

YOU WILL
SOMEHOW HAVE
TO KILL THE
SNAKE. I HAVE
AN IDEA !



CRANE LISTENS.

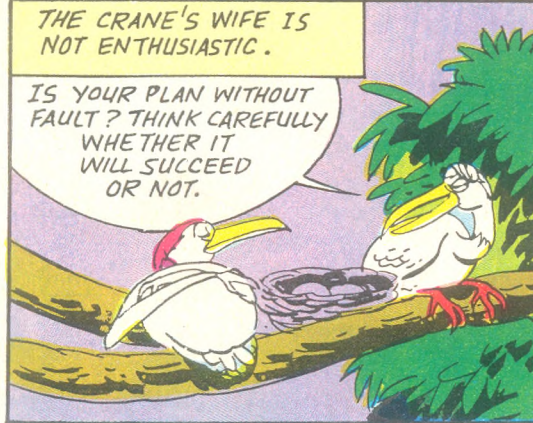
IT IS A GOOD IDEA.
BUT IT SHOULD
BE SUCCESS-
FUL!



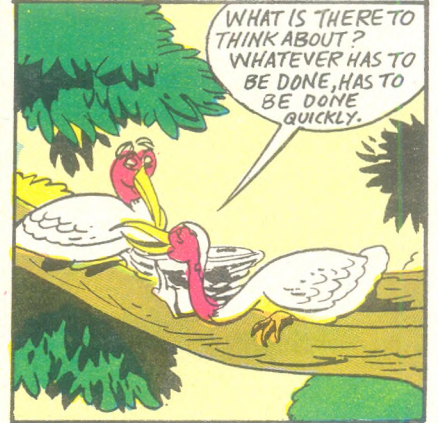
I'VE
FAITH THAT
IT WILL
SUCCEED !

THE CRANE'S WIFE IS
NOT ENTHUSIASTIC.

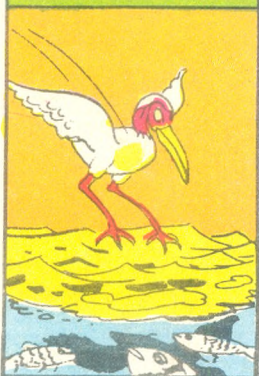
IS YOUR PLAN WITHOUT
FAULT ? THINK CAREFULLY
WHETHER IT
WILL SUCCEED
OR NOT.



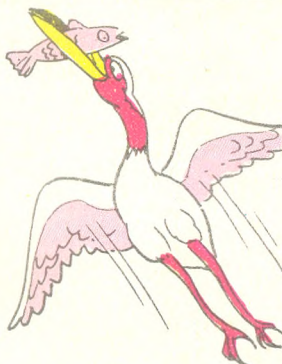
WHAT IS THERE TO
THINK ABOUT ?
WHATEVER HAS TO
BE DONE, HAS TO
BE DONE
QUICKLY.



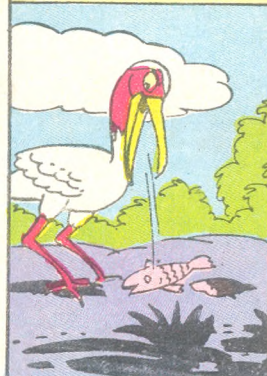
HE FLIES TO THE
SEA-SHORE.



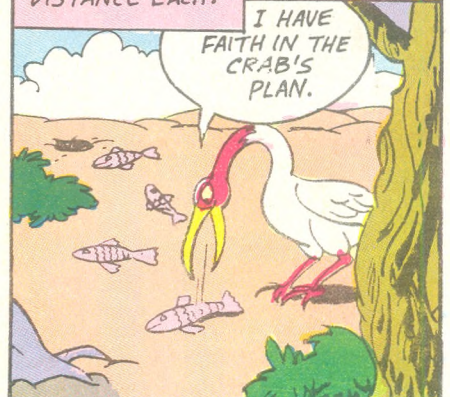
PICKS UP A DISCAR-
DED FILTHY FISH.



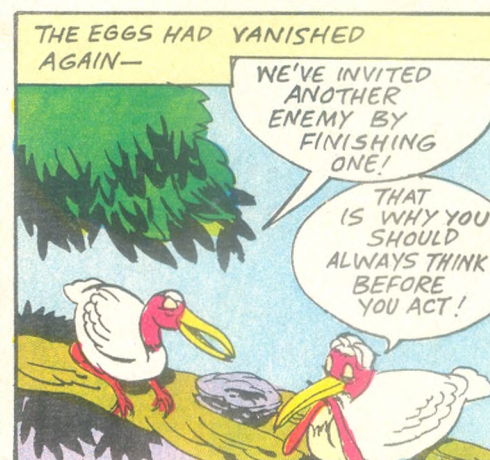
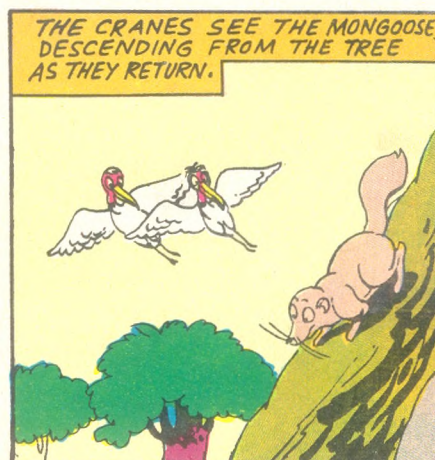
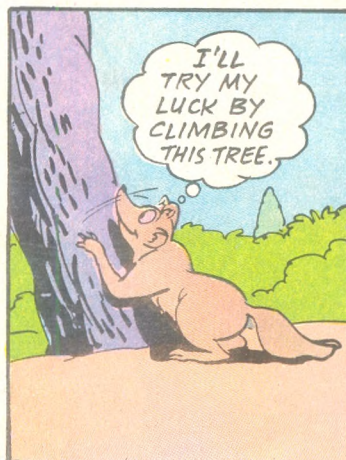
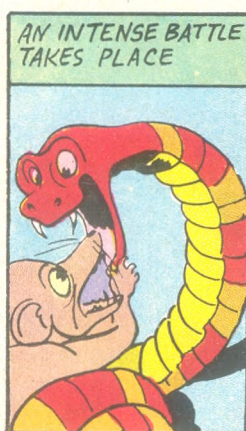
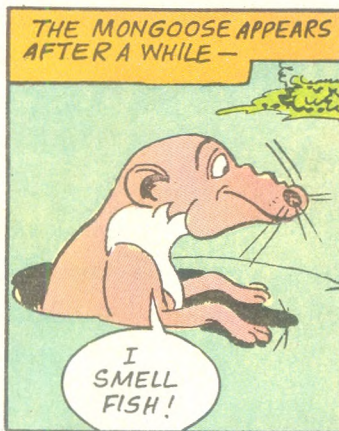
AND PUTS IT NEAR
THE MONGOOSE'S HOLE.



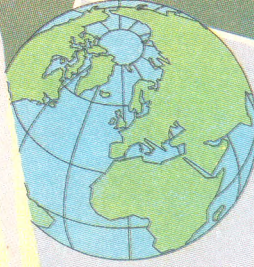
HE PUTS FISHES AT SOME
DISTANCE EACH.



I HAVE
FAITH IN THE
CRAB'S
PLAN.



Heart to Heart



Dear Dad,
You are sweet,
loving and
helpful. Have
a nice day. I
love you.
Seema

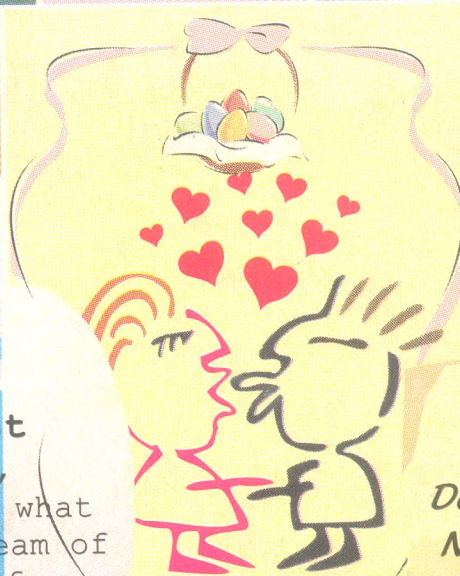
Dear brother.
You are very
sweet and
cute.
Neha

My Granny,
You are my life.
Without you, I am
nothing. Nobody
loves me more
than you. Please
live with me
always. Love you.
Anu Shukla

Dear Meenu,
I love every little
thing about you.
Your charming
smile. The sound
of your voice. The
magic in your eyes.
I love your gentle
touch and the
warmth I feel by
your side. I love
dreaming about
you. I love each
and every moment
that I share with
you today,
tomorrow and
forever.
Yours only
Rajat

Dearest
Shubha,

It is Difficult to say what
is impossible, for the dream of
yesterday is the hope of
today and the reality of
tomorrow. My love, work
hard, and best of luck
for your exams.
Always yours.
Raj



Dear Malini,
Nobody can have the
place that you have made
in my heart. Not a single
day passes when I don't
think of you. Please never
misunderstand me. I
always miss you. I love you
more than anyone.

From

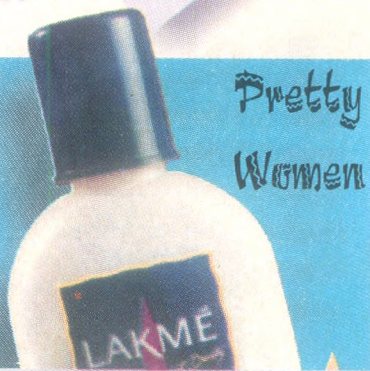
Ritesh.

Dear Nikhil,
You are my best friend.
Always be happy.
Kartik

Dear Sanjay,
May this year bring
happiness for you and
may all your wishes be
fulfilled by the grace of
God.
Sonali



NEW IN THE MARKET



Pretty
Women

Lakme Lever Ltd, has re-launched its Deep Pore Cleansing Milk, enriched with vitamin E acetate and silicones that nourish and soften the skin. It is also effective in removing make-up. Available in attractively packaged 60 ml, 120 ml and 200 ml bottles which are affordably priced at Rs.25, Rs. 45 and Rs.65 respectively.



INTERNET SERVER

With a built-in 56Kbps modem, the DP-601M Internet server from D-Link India eliminates the cost of purchasing and installing a separate modem. Meant for small or home office networks, this server helps multiple users on a network to simultaneously access the Internet. As this server supports the NAT feature, it acts as a natural firewall and no outside user can access your private network.

Nokia's net-friendly phone

Get engaged to the Net: Nokia has announced Nokia 7110 the world's first media phone designed to enable easy access to Internet content. It can access text information that is made available on the net, including news, weather reports, stock-prices, E-mail, flight schedules and wireless banking. The phone comes with a built-in dictionary and a 500-message storage capacity. The handset will be available in volume in the second quarter of this year.



New from Benetton

Summer Hues: Benetton announces its Spring Summer collection '99. Each month will focus on a different colour. Also check out their new colour sunglasses, which come in three ranges: Casual, Fashion and Diva.

Liz Claiborne in India

A Fortune 500 American fashion label Liz Claiborne has come to India. At Liz Claiborne, fashion is designed for the way people live, work and play today. Professional career-wear to classic day-into-evening dressing. Accessories include handbags, hats, and jewellery. The cosmetic section has a choice of fragrances and body-care products.

Their first Indian showroom is at Saboo's in South Extension, New Delhi.

For details,
call: 011-644 2978.



• A PROUD TALE OF INDIAN CULTURE

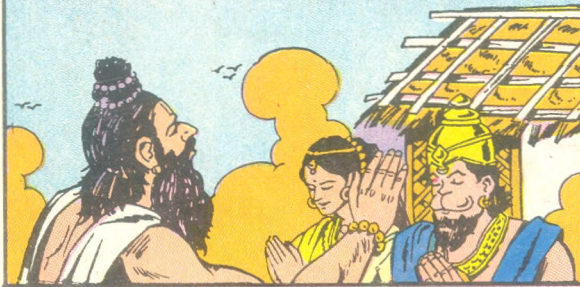


PAWAN SOOT HANUMAN

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THOUSAND OF YEARS AGO THERE LIVED A KING NAMED KESRI AND HIS QUEEN ANJANA ON THE "SUMERU" MOUNTAINS IN KANCHANGIRI. THEY HAD ALL HAPPINESS EXCEPT ONE WORRY THAT THEY WERE CHILDLESS. AT LAST THEY APPROACHED SAINT MATANG



"I'M UNABLE TO HELP YOU EVEN THOUGH I'M AWARE OF THE STATE OF YOUR HEART. BUT I CAN GIVE YOU A SUGGESTION YOU SHOULD PERFORM GREAT PENANCE FOR ACQUIRING A CHILD!"



"I'M READY FOR ANY PENANCE IN ORDER TO ACQUIRE A SON!"

YOU WORSHIP LORD VENKATESHWARA ON THE VENKETACHAL MOUNTAINS. THEN TAKE A BATH AT THE AAKASHGANGA PILGRIMAGE. IF LORD VENKATESHWARA IS PLEASED, HE WILL CERTAINLY BLESS YOU WITH A CHILD.



"I'LL DO LIKEWISE, O SAINT!"

ANJANA WORSHIPPED VAYUDEVA FOR YEARS ON VENKETACHAL MOUNTAIN. ONE DAY HE APPEARED.



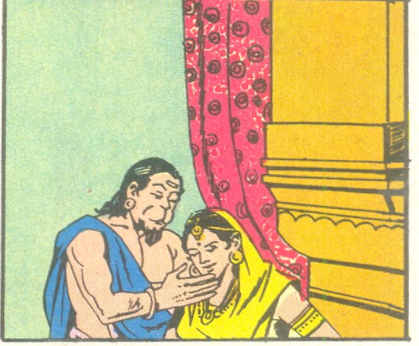
"I'M PLEASED WITH YOUR DEVOTION. DEVIL! WHAT DO YOU DESIRE?"

"OH! LORD! I WANT A SON WHO IS JUST LIKE YOU!"

"I PROMISE YOU THAT I MYSELF WILL TAKE BIRTH FROM YOUR WOMB IN THE FORM OF YOUR SON!"



AFTER BEING BLESSED BY VAYU-DEVA, ANJANA RETURNED TO KING KESRI WHO WAS OVERJOYED —



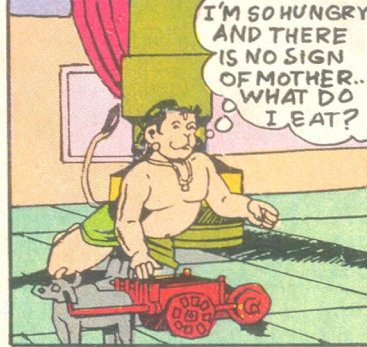
ON TUESDAY THE 15TH DAY OF CHAITRA-SHUKLA A SON WAS BORN TO ANJANA —



"YOU'VE BECOME A FATHER, MY LORD. LOOK, HE IS SO HANDSOME AND ACTIVE."

"YES! AT LAST GOD HAS HEARD US. I'M SO HAPPY, DEAREST!"

THE CHILD GREW IN THE LOVING CARE OF HIS MOTHER. ONE DAY WHILE ANJANA WAS OUT, HE FELT HUNGRY —



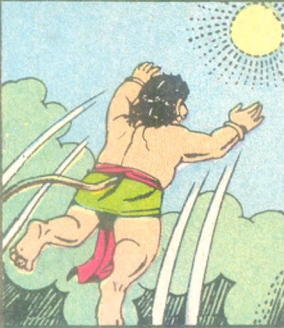
"I'M SO HUNGRY AND THERE IS NO SIGN OF MOTHER.. WHAT DO I EAT?"

JUST THEN THE CHILD GLANCED AT THE SUN —

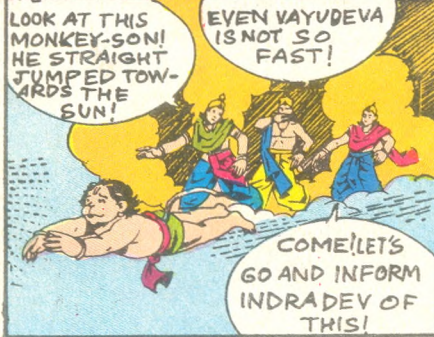


"HEY! I'LL EAT THIS BRIGHT LOOKING FRUIT! IT MUST BE VERY TASTY!"

BLESSED BY VAYUDEV THE CHILD JUMPED TOWARDS THE SUN —



THE CHILD GOING THROUGH AAKASH-MARG WAS SEEN BY A SURPRISED TEAM OF DEVATAAS AND YAKSHAS —

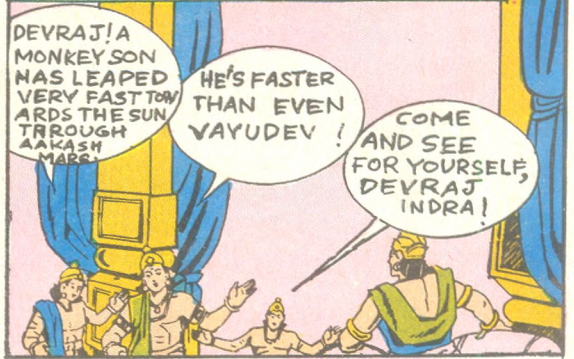


"LOOK AT THIS MONKEY-SON! HE STRAIGHT JUMPED TOWARDS THE SUN!"

"EVEN VAYUDEV IS NOT SO FAST!"

"COME! LET'S GO AND INFORM INDRADEV OF THIS!"

THE DEVATAAS AND YAKSHAS REACHED INDRADEV —



"DEVRAJ! A MONKEY SON HAS LEAPED VERY FAST TOWARDS THE SUN THROUGH AAKASH MARG."

"HE'S FASTER THAN EVEN VAYUDEV!"

"COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF, DEVRAJ INDRA!"

INDRADEV IS VERY ANGRY THAT A MONKEY-SON DID NOT HEED OF HIS POWERS AND IS GOING TOWARDS THE SUN —



WHEN THE SUN SEES THE MONKEY SON SO NEAR HIM HE IS SURPRISED AND ALSO A LITTLE AFRAID —



ON REACHING THE BOY TRIES TO TAKE IT IN HIS MOUTH BUT INDRADEV INTERVENES —



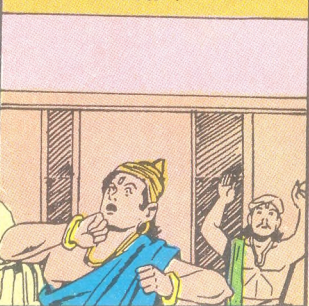
ON SEEING THIS VAYUDEVA COMES AND PICKS UP HANUMAN IN HIS LAP HE STARES ANGRILY AT INDRADEV —



AN ANGRY VAYUDEVA DEPARTS WITH THE CHILD IN HIS LAP —



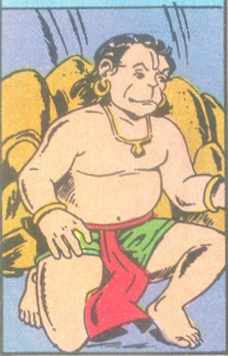
HE THEN LOCKED HIMSELF ALONG WITH HANUMAN, IN A CAVE. AS A RESULT THE FLOW OF AIR STOPPED AND PEOPLE FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO BREATHE —



SEEING THEIR LIVES IN DANGER, INDRA ALONG WITH OTHER DEVTAS FELL AT BRAHMA'S FEET —



THE CHILD GETS O.K. ONLY A MARK IS LEFT ON HIS CHIN—

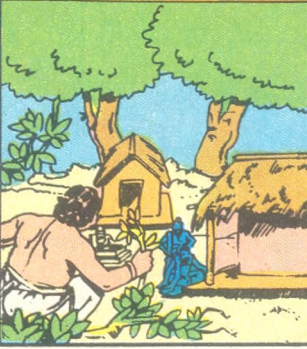


BRAHMA BLESSES HIM —

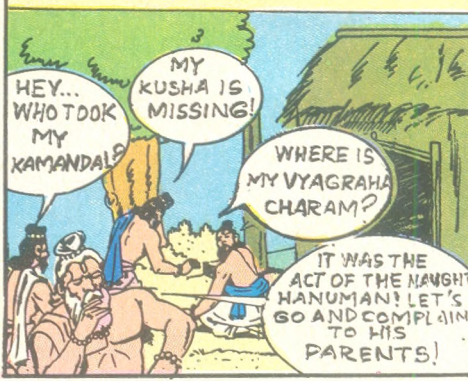
MAY YOU NEVER GET THE BRAHMA CURSE AND YOUR BODY REMAIN UNAFFECTED FROM WEAPONS!



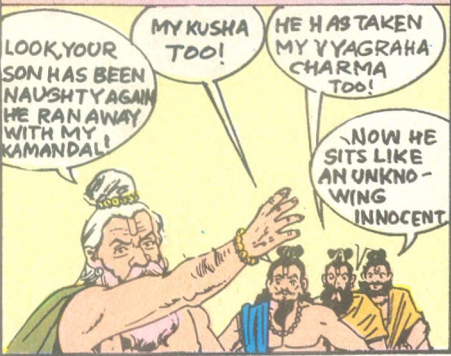
AS HANUMAN GREW OLDER HE BECAME NAUGHTIER. THERE WAS A SAINTS' ASHRAM NEAR HIS HOUSE —

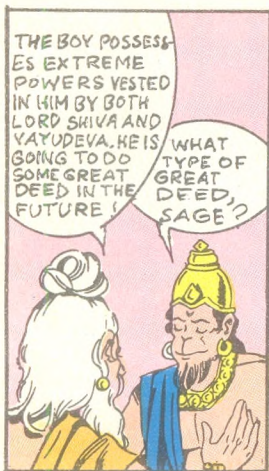


HANUMAN TOOK GREAT PLEASURE IN PLAYING WITH THE SAINTS' THINGS OF WORSHIP —



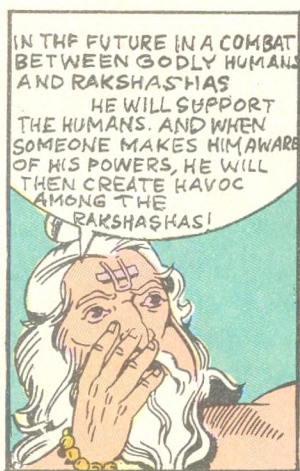
THE SAINTS TOGETHER WENT TO HANUMAN'S RESIDENCE WHERE HANUMAN WAS PRESENT BEFOREHAND SITTING WITH AN INNOCENT EXPRESSION





THE BOY POSSESSES EXTREME POWERS VESTED IN HIM BY BOTH LORD SHIVA AND VAYUDEVA. HE IS GOING TO DO SOME GREAT DEED IN THE FUTURE!

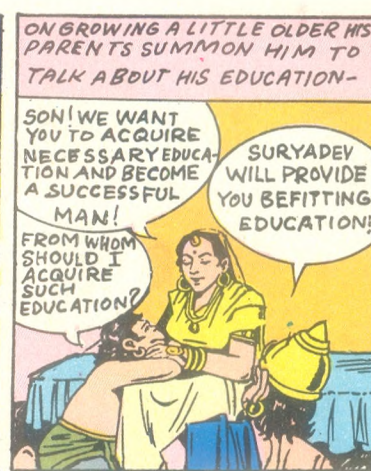
WHAT TYPE OF GREAT DEED, SAGE?



IN THE FUTURE IN A COMBAT BETWEEN GODLY HUMANS AND RAKSHASHAS HE WILL SUPPORT THE HUMANS. AND WHEN SOMEONE MAKES HIM AWARE OF HIS POWERS, HE WILL THEN CREATE HAVOC AMONG THE RAKSHASHAS!



DUE TO THE SAGE'S CURSE HANUMAN BECAME POWERLESS FROM THE NEXT DAY ITSELF AND ALL HIS NAUGHTY ACTIVITIES STOPPED

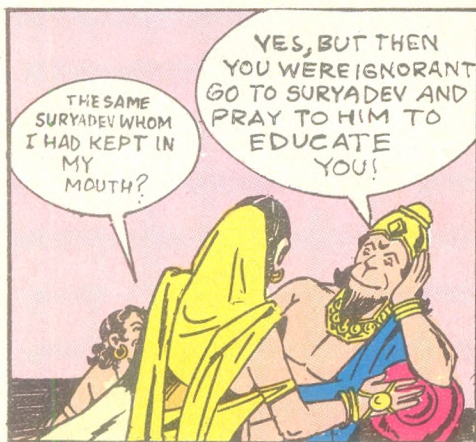


ON GROWING A LITTLE OLDER HIS PARENTS SUMMON HIM TO TALK ABOUT HIS EDUCATION—

SON! WE WANT YOU TO ACQUIRE NECESSARY EDUCATION AND BECOME A SUCCESSFUL MAN!

SURYADEV WILL PROVIDE YOU BEFITTING EDUCATION!

FROM WHOM SHOULD I ACQUIRE SUCH EDUCATION?



THE SAME SURYADEV WHOM I HAD KEPT IN MY MOUTH?

YES, BUT THEN YOU WERE IGNORANT GO TO SURYADEV AND PRAY TO HIM TO EDUCATE YOU!

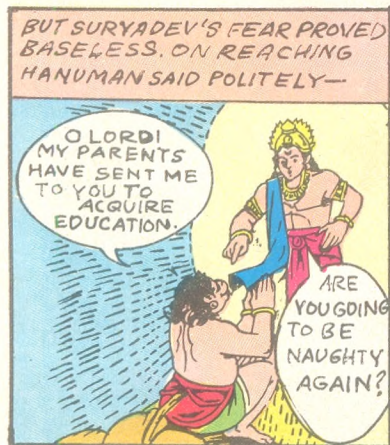


AS YOU WISH, FATHER! I'LL GO TO SURYADEV TOMORROW ITSELF!



THE NEXT DAY HANUMAN SPED TOWARDS SURYADEV LIKE VAYU-VEG SEEING HIM APPROACH SURYADEV GOT A BIT SCARED—

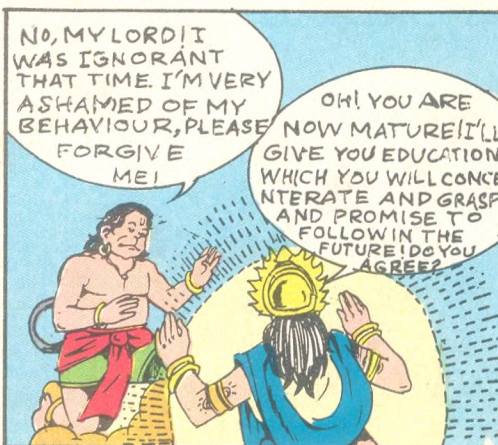
HANUMAN AGAIN... IS HE COMING TO CREATE SOME NEW TROUBLE LIKE LAST TIME?



BUT SURYADEV'S FEAR PROVED BASELESS. ON REACHING HANUMAN SAID POLITELY—

O LORD! MY PARENTS HAVE SENT ME TO YOU TO ACQUIRE EDUCATION.

ARE YOU GOING TO BE NAUGHTY AGAIN?

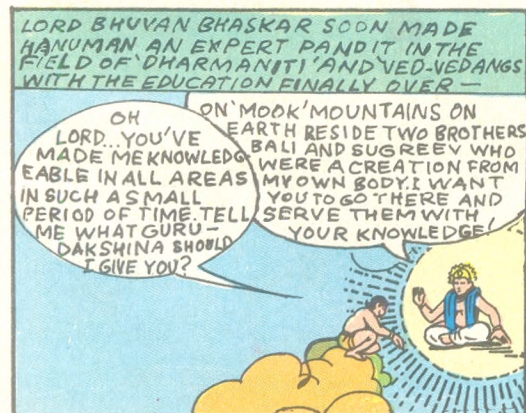


NO, MY LORD! I WAS IGNORANT THAT TIME I'M VERY ASHAMED OF MY BEHAVIOUR, PLEASE FORGIVE ME!

OH! YOU ARE NOW MATURE! I'LL GIVE YOU EDUCATION WHICH YOU WILL CONCENTRATE AND GRASP AND PROMISE TO FOLLOW IN THE FUTURE! DO YOU AGREE?



I MOST CERTAINLY AGREE! FROM TODAY WHAT-EVER YOU TEACH I'LL GRASP THAT! YOU ARE MY GURU! I'M YOUR DISCIPLE!



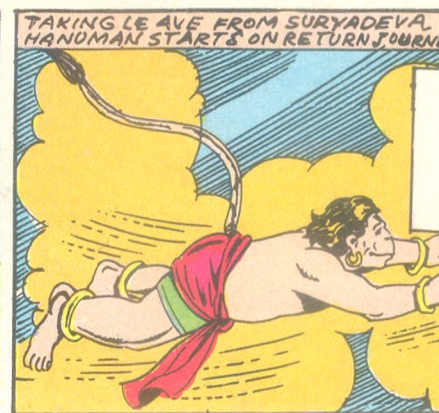
LORD BHUVAN BHASKAR SOON MADE HANUMAN AN EXPERT PANDIT IN THE FIELD OF DHARMA, ANTI AND VED-VEDANGS WITH THE EDUCATION FINALLY OVER—

OH LORD... YOU'VE MADE ME KNOWLEDGEABLE IN ALL AREAS IN SUCH A SMALL PERIOD OF TIME. TELL ME WHAT GURU-DAKSHINA SHOULD I GIVE YOU?

ON 'MOOK' MOUNTAINS ON EARTH RESIDE TWO BROTHERS BALI AND SUGREEV WHO WERE A CREATION FROM MY OWN BODY. I WANT YOU TO GO THERE AND SERVE THEM WITH YOUR KNOWLEDGE!



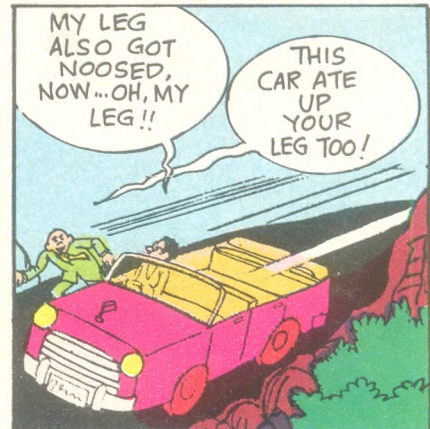
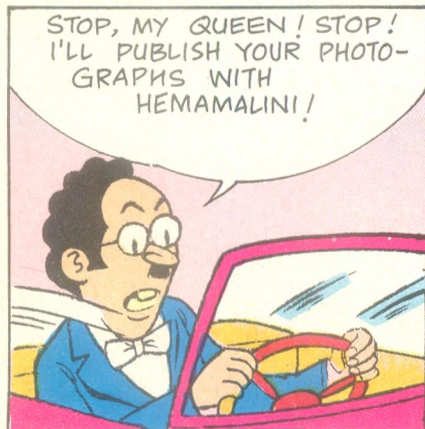
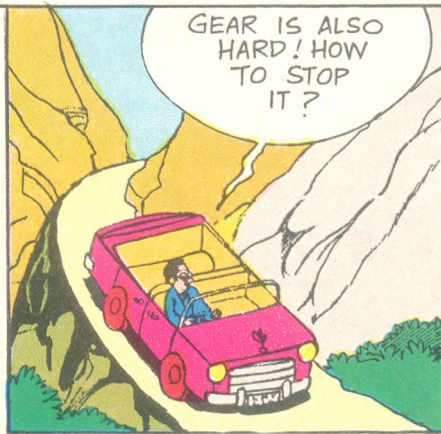
YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND, O LORD! I'LL GO TODAY ITSELF AND ENGAGE MYSELF IN SERVING THEM PROPERLY



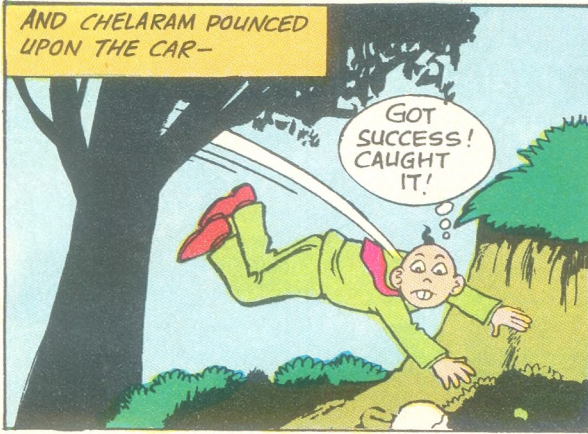
TAKING LEAVE FROM SURYADEV, HANUMAN STARTS ON RETURN JOURNEY

MOTU PATLU AND TROUBLE MONGER

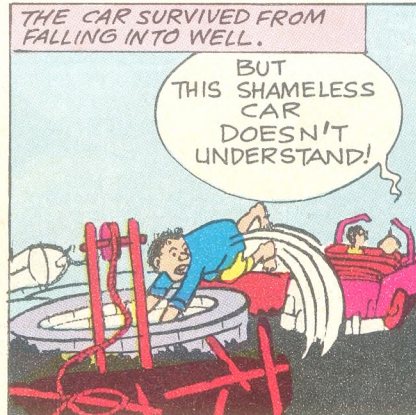
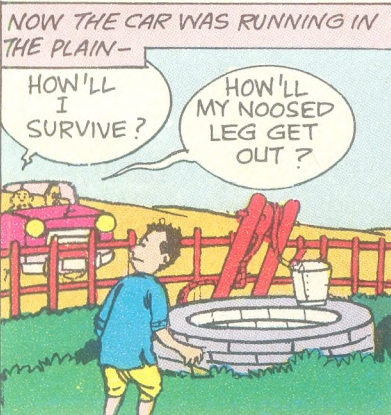
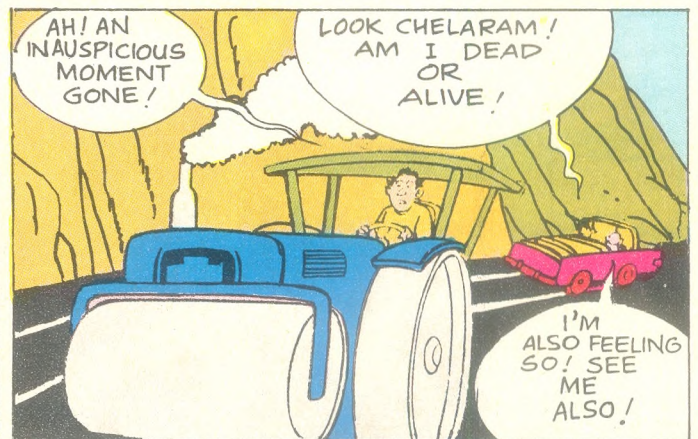
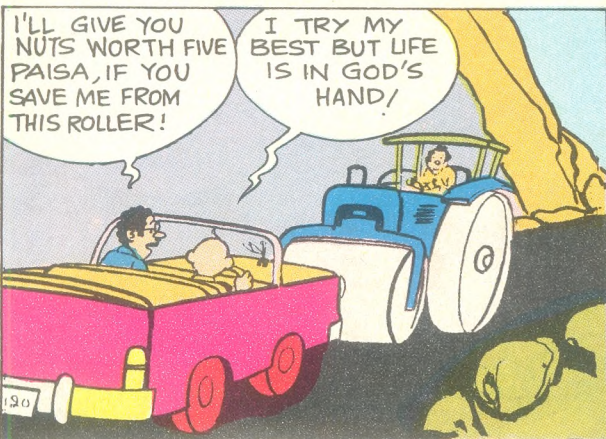
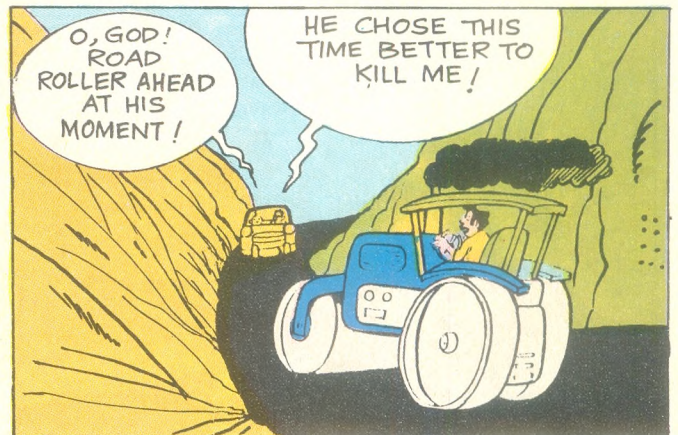
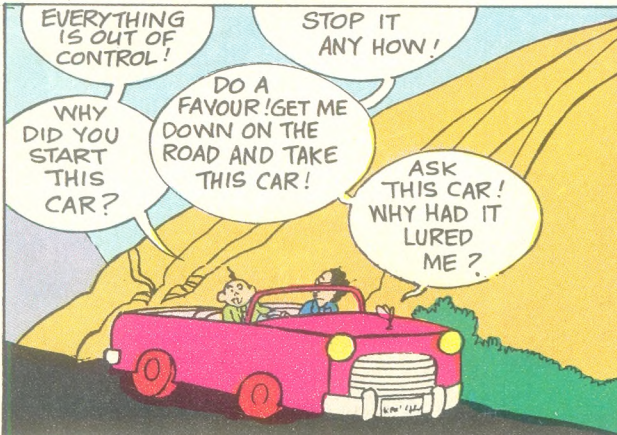
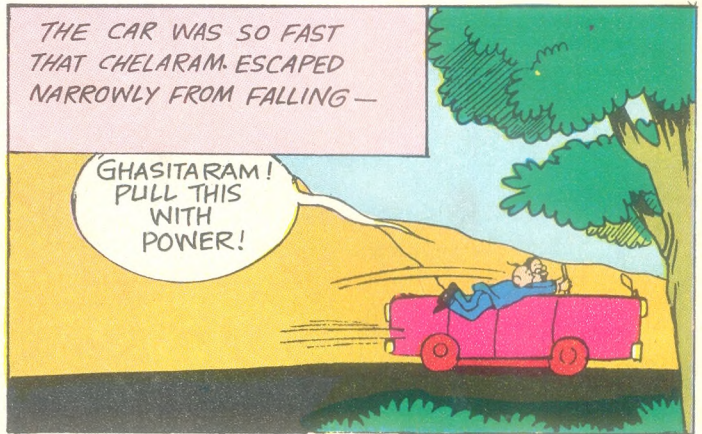
MOTU-PATLU AND CHELARAM NOW ARE RENOWNED SPIES. GHASITARAM IS ALSO TRYING TO PROVE HIS GENIUS BY SPYING. THEY CAME TO KNOW THAT KING OF OIL, SHIEKH USMAN WAS IN TROUBLE. A GANG NAMED D.D. WANTS TO USURP HIS "MIDDLE EAST OIL COMPANY". A D.D. AGENT KALA KANKAWWA CREATED MUCH TROUBLE WHEN MOTU-PATLU AND CHELARAM WAS GOING TO HELP SHIEKH USMAN. KANKAWWA CAUSED THEIR CAR'S BRAKE FAIL. BUT GHASITARAM TOOK AWAY THEIR CAR, UNFORTUNATELY OR FORTUNATELY.



AND CHELARAM PONCED UPON THE CAR—

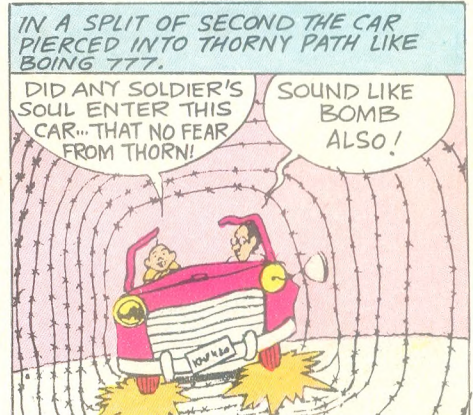


THE CAR WAS SO FAST THAT CHELARAM ESCAPED NARROWLY FROM FALLING—

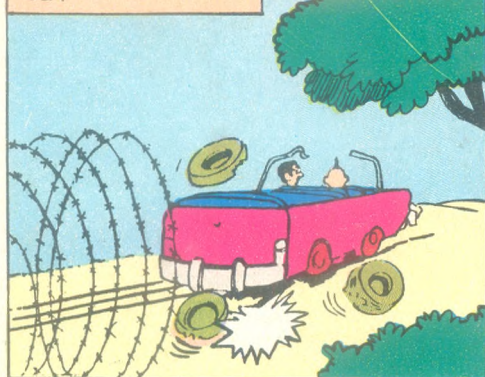


THE CAR SURVIVED FROM FALLING INTO WELL.

BUT THIS SHAMELESS CAR DOESN'T UNDERSTAND!

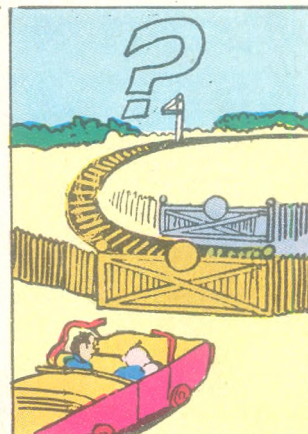
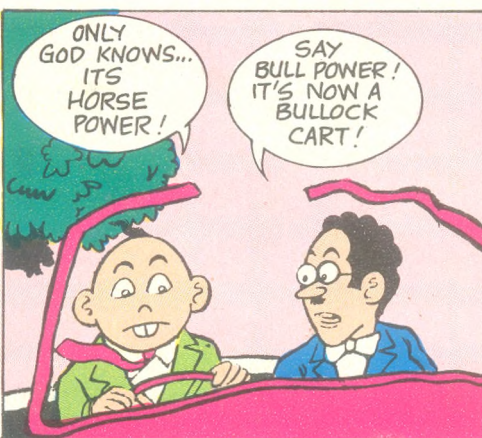


THE PUNCTURED TYRES WERE COMING OUT—



ONLY GOD KNOWS... ITS HORSE POWER!

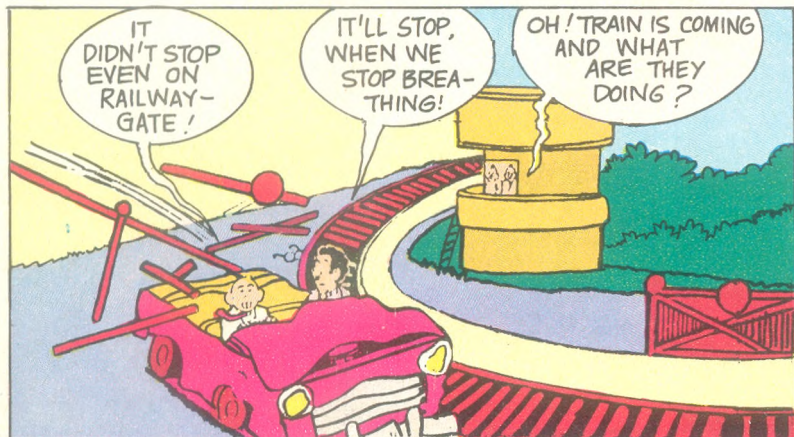
SAY BULL POWER! IT'S NOW A BULLOCK CART!



IT DIDN'T STOP EVEN ON RAILWAY-GATE!

IT'LL STOP, WHEN WE STOP BREA-THING!

OH! TRAIN IS COMING AND WHAT ARE THEY DOING?



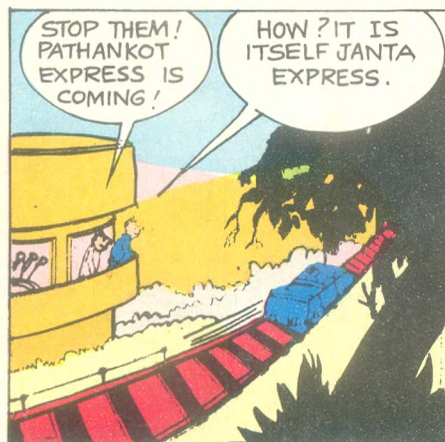
OH! THIS CAR HAS TAKEN US THERE WHERE WE CAN'T GET SINGLE DROP OF WATER EVEN ON DEATH.

WE'RE ON PANIPAT TRACK... MUST GET WATER!



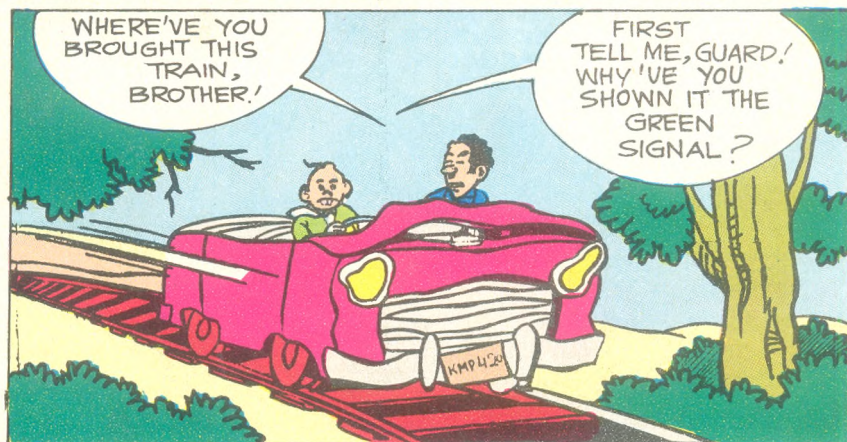
STOP THEM! PATHANKOT EXPRESS IS COMING!

HOW? IT IS ITSELF JANTA EXPRESS.



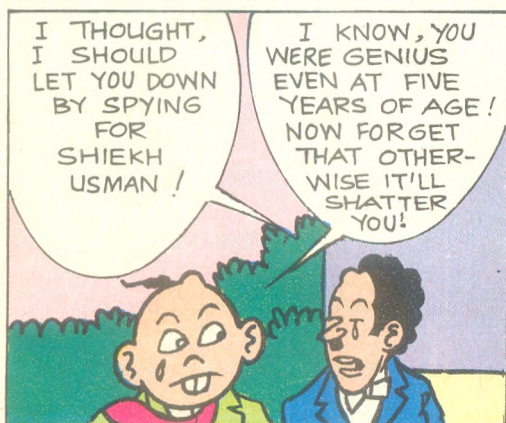
WHERE'VE YOU BROUGHT THIS TRAIN, BROTHER!

FIRST TELL ME, GUARD! WHY'VE YOU SHOWN IT THE GREEN SIGNAL?



I THOUGHT, I SHOULD LET YOU DOWN BY SPYING FOR SHIEKH USMAN!

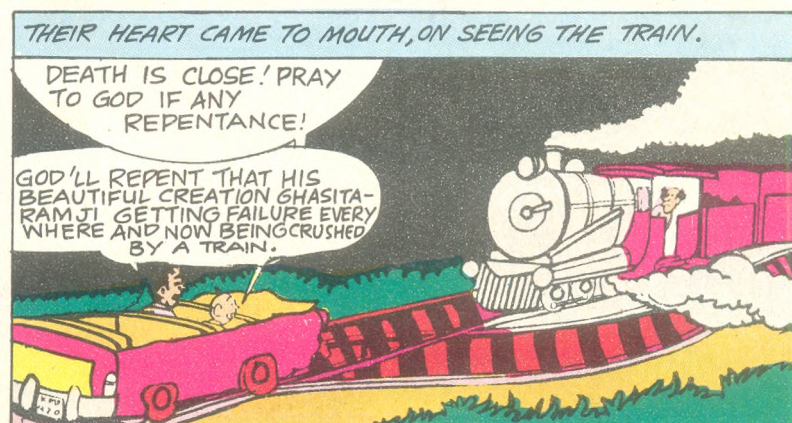
I KNOW, YOU WERE GENIUS EVEN AT FIVE YEARS OF AGE! NOW FORGET THAT OTHERWISE IT'LL SHATTER YOU!

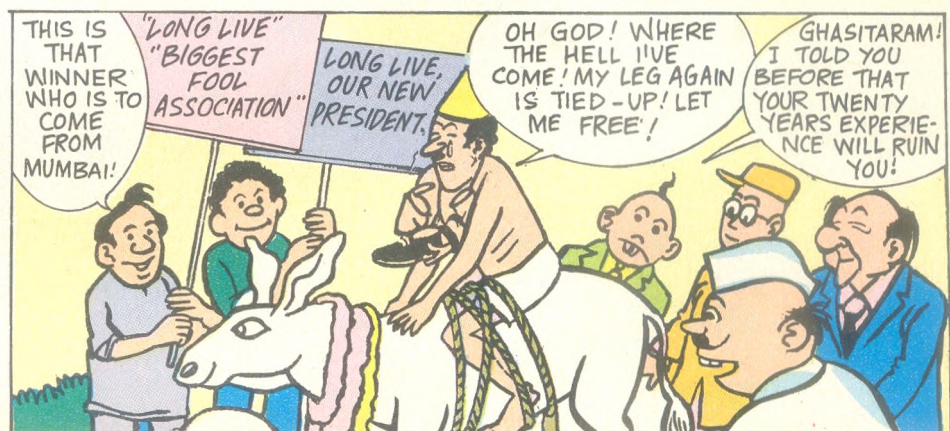
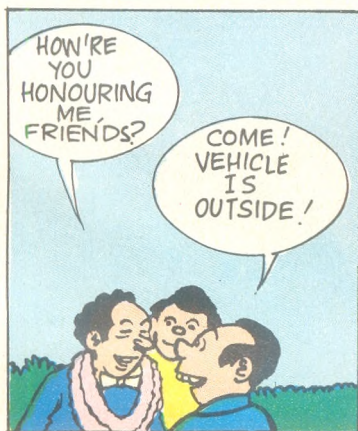
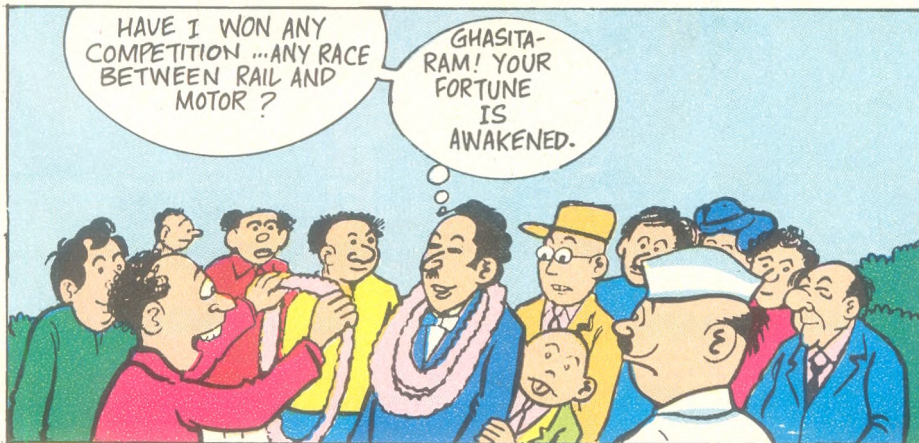
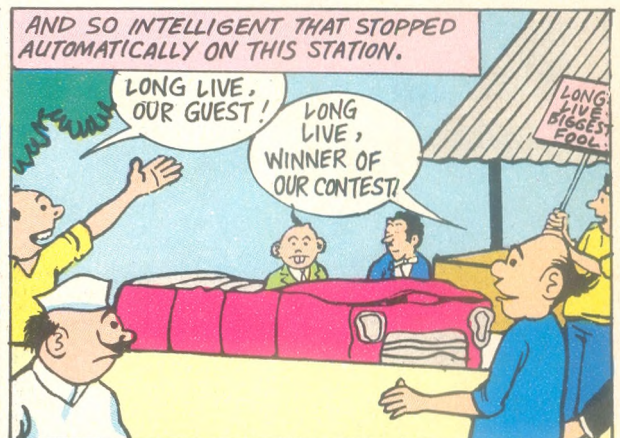
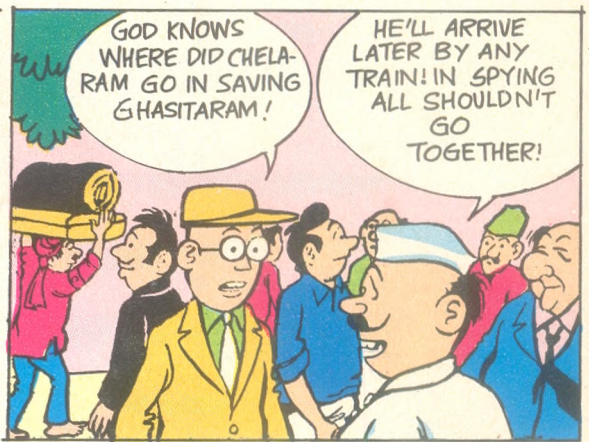
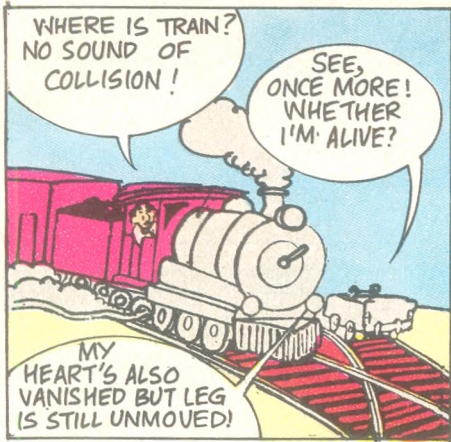


THEIR HEART CAME TO MOUTH, ON SEEING THE TRAIN.

DEATH IS CLOSE! PRAY TO GOD IF ANY REPENTANCE!

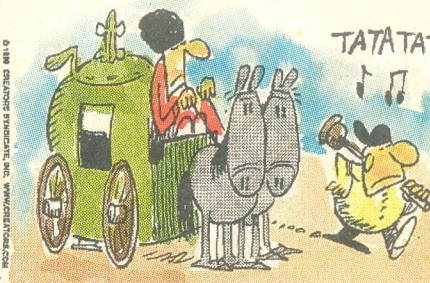
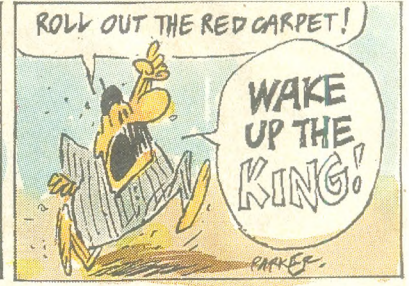
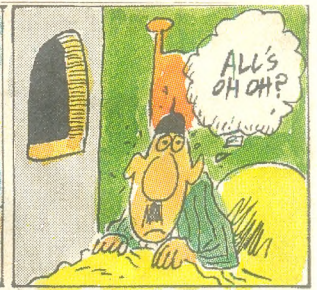
GOD'LL REPENT THAT HIS BEAUTIFUL CREATION GHASITARAMJI GETTING FAILURE EVERY WHERE AND NOW BEING CRUSHED BY A TRAIN.





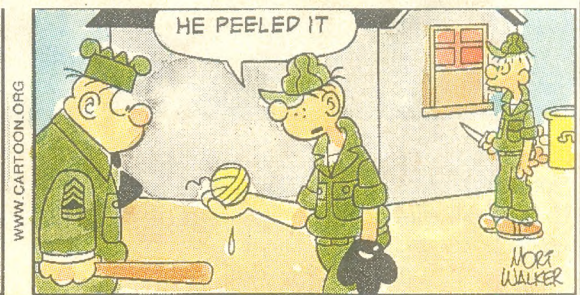
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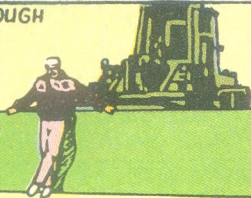
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SNOW PLOUGH-PIPE LINE & PRINTING

THE LARGEST SNOW PLOUGH IS BASED AT HANCOCK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SYRACUSE, USA...



... THE BLADE DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED BY THOMAS SEDGWICK MEASURES 32 FT. 3in. (9.83m) IN LENGTH.

THE WORLD'S FASTEST PRINTER IS THE RADIATION INC. ELECTRO-SENSITIVE SYSTEM AT THE LAWRENCE RADIATION LABORATORY, LIVERMORE, USA. HIGH SPEED RECORDING OF UP TO 30,000 LINES PER MINUTE IS ATTAINED AND THE WHOLE BIBLE (773,692 WORDS) CAN BE PRINTED IN 65 SECONDS.

I've heard we're being made redundant!

THE WORLD'S MOST EXPENSIVE PIPE-LINE IS THE ALASKA PIPELINE RUNNING 798 MILES (1284 Km) FROM PRUDHOE BAY TO VALDEZ. THE FIRST STAGE, COMPLETED IN 1977, COST AT LEAST \$6000 MILLION. THE PIPE WILL EVENTUALLY CARRY UP TO 2 MILLION BARRELS OF CRUDE OIL PER DAY.



SPECIES OF BIRDS

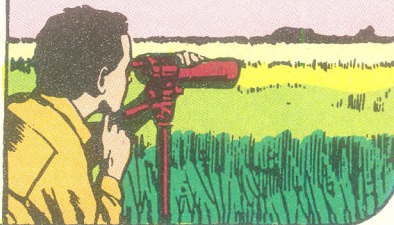
THE MOST FAMILIAR BRITISH BIRD, ALTHOUGH NOT THE MOST NUMEROUS, IS THE HOUSE SPARROW (*PASSER DOMESTICUS*), WITH THREE MILLION PAIRS.



BRITAIN'S RAREST BREEDING BIRD IS THE RED-BACKED SHRIKE (*LANIUS COLLURIUS*). IN 1952 THERE WERE OVER 300 BREEDING PAIRS BUT ONLY ONE TO THREE PAIRS IN 1988.



THE BRITISH COUNTY WHERE THE LARGEST NUMBER OF BIRD SPECIES HAS BEEN OBSERVED IS NORFOLK. IN 1985 TOMMY CORCORAN SAW 259 SPECIES IN THE COUNTY, BRYAN BLAND 254 AND RICHARD MILLINGTON 250.



SNOW LIVING

ON THE 24 MARCH 1978 A SHEEP WAS DUG OUT ALIVE AFTER BEING BURIED IN A SNOW-DRIFT FOR 50 DAYS IN SUTHERLAND, SCOTLAND. THE ANIMALS' HOT BREATH CREATES AIR-HOLES AND THEY GNAW THEIR WOOL FOR PROTEIN.



A TOTAL OF 18,000 AUSTRIAN AND ITALIAN TROOPS WERE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN LOST IN THE DOLOMITE VALLEYS OF NORTHERN ITALY ON 13 DEC 1916 IN MORE THAN 100 SNOW AVALANCHES. SOME OF THE AVALANCHES WERE TRIGGERED BY GUNFIRE.



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